

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

Albemarle County Public Schools welcomes students from linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds, believing they enrich the school community. The school division maintains that speakers of languages other than English hold the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities as all other students. Therefore, an equal educational opportunity will be provided that complies with Title V of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Equal Educational Opportunity Act of 1974 (EEOA).

A Limited English Proficient (LEP) student is one who may or may not have been born in the United States, whose native language is a language other than English, or one who comes from an environment where English is not the dominant language and, as a result, has sufficient difficulty in speaking, reading, writing, or understanding English so as to limit the opportunity to learn successfully in classrooms where English is the language of instruction.

A student's English language proficiency will be assessed to determine placement in English language assistance programs. The goal of the ESOL program in the division is to integrate students for whom English is not their first language into the educational and cultural mainstream through appropriate curricula and instructional, as well as assessment strategies, that address the needs of individual students and their families.

Generally

The Albemarle County School Board shall provide programs to improve the education of limited English proficient children by assisting the children to learn English and meet Virginia's challenging academic content and student academic achievement standards.

LEP students, like all other students, must meet state requirements for graduation. Credits may be awarded for work completed previously and verified by transcript as well as for ESOL classes to students who are enrolled in the ESOL program. No tuition shall be charged such students, if state funding is provided for such programs.

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