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## ESOL Program

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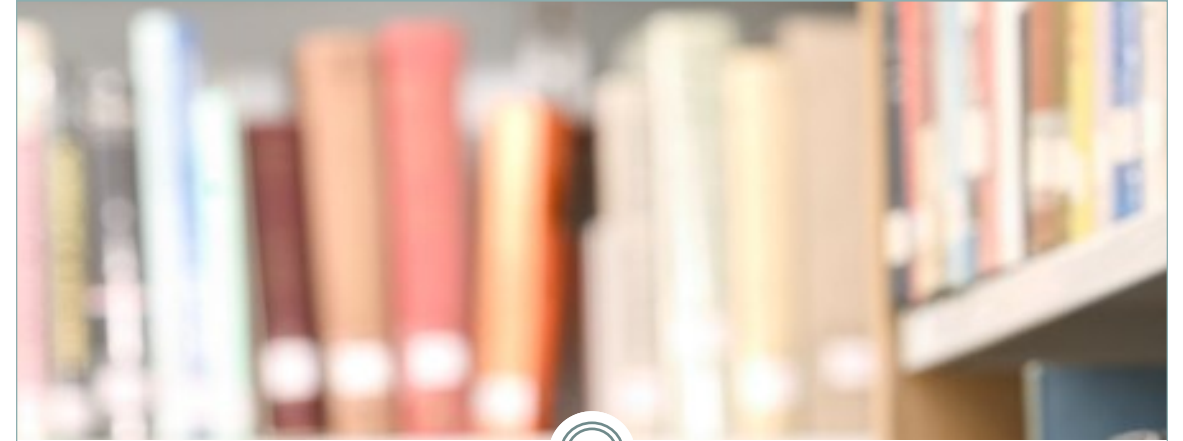
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## Goals of ESOL Program

- The ESOL teachers work in collaboration with classroom and other special programs teachers to support language acquisition of academic and social skills.
- ESOL students will become fluent in the English language in the areas of listening, reading, writing, and speaking as measured by the WIDA Can-Do descriptors.
- The ESOL teachers works in collaboration with families to ensure students and families receive the supports they need to be successful in a virtual schooling environment.
- The ESOL program encourages the student's positive recognition and value of their culture and the diverse culture of others.

## RESOURCES

[HTTPS://WWW.WIDA.US/](https://www.wida.us/)

[HTTP://WWW.GADOE.ORG/  
PAGES/HOME.ASPX](http://www.gadoe.org/pages/home.aspx)

[HTTP://  
WWW.COLORINCOLORADO.ORG  
/FAMILIES](http://www.colorincolorado.org/families)

[HTTPS://  
WWW.MYNGCONNECT.COM/  
LOGIN/CHOOSEMAINUI.SPR](https://www.myngconnect.com/login/choosemainui.spr)

## ESOL Program Overview

The Georgia Cyber Academy offers an ESOL program to students that qualify for services. Students in the program will receive small group support daily through a live class connect session with an ESOL certified teacher. Through the use of a National Geographic's curriculum, students will work on reading, listening, speaking, and writing English Skills. Students get a unique opportunity practice their skills in a highly engaging and exciting class.



### HOW DOES MY STUDENT QUALIFY?

Upon enrollment, families fill out the Home Language survey. Students who have a home language other than English are screened for eligibility. Students are screened during a scheduled in-person session using the WIDA Screener. Students that score eligible are offered ESOL services and are now considered English Learners (EL).

### WHAT IS THE ACCESS?

Annually, our EL students take an English proficiency test to measure their progress in the English Language. The ACCESS is a test created by WIDA. It is a state required test that EL students enrolled in public school must take each year. The test results help teachers plan lessons according to students English abilities and also measures the effectiveness of the school's ESOL program.

### TESTING PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE (TPC)

The TPC is a meeting that takes place annually between the parent, student, and teacher. During the meeting instructional and testing accommodations are discussed. The accommodations allow for the student to access the content curriculum and show mastery of it.

### WHEN DO I EXIT?

A student exits the ESOL program by scoring on grade level in the English Language as measured by the results of the annual ACCESS test. Students that score high enough will no longer receive ESOL services. They will be monitored by the school for two years to ensure success and mastery of the content curriculum without the service in place.