

## **English as a Second Language**

The English as a Second Language Program is available for those students who need support in acquiring the English Language. The primary goal of the ESL program is to increase the English language proficiency of limited-English proficient students so that they can participate fully in mainstreamed classes. To meet this goal the objectives of all instruction involve the development of speaking and listening skills in English and the development of corresponding reading and writing skills at an appropriate level of difficulty. The emphasis placed on various objectives varies somewhat depending on the needs of the individual student. An underlying objective involves helping the student understand and cope with his new cultural setting and providing a source of support as the student strives for increasing autonomy in his new culture.

The ESL Teacher is available in each district building. You may contact your building principal or the Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services if you believe your child may be an English Language Learner and in need of ESL services.