

Administrative Procedure 206

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Background

English as a Second Language Program (ESL) is a provincially funded program for students both Canadian-born and foreign-born. The goal of the program is to provide students with the necessary educational programs to enable them to speak English fluently enough to complete their education and become productive and contributing members of society.

Procedures

1. All Principals that are providing ESL programs shall become familiar, and comply, with Alberta Education Policy 1.5.1 – English as a Second Language.
2. The Principal shall maintain a list of students requiring ESL instruction and inform the Superintendent of the number that may be eligible for the program.
3. The Superintendent shall determine whether a program will be made available within the division based upon the following:
 - 3.1 The number of students requiring the program.
 - 3.2 The availability of appropriate facilities and qualified staff.
 - 3.3 Program costs.
4. If an appropriate program cannot be offered in a school, arrangements may be made to purchase services from another school within the division or from another school jurisdiction.
5. Written parental approval is required before students are registered in an ESL program.
6. ESL programs will be monitored and evaluated as provided for in the evaluation procedures determined for the division.