

ESL Programs

- **WHO?** ESL Programs are for English language learners (ELLs) in Kindergarten to Grade 12 who have age-appropriate literacy skills in their first language.
- **HOW?** ESL/ELD teachers and classroom teachers work collaboratively to determine the English proficiency of ELLs by identifying observable language behaviours described in the oral, reading and writing continua of the [ESL STEP assessment](#).
- **IMPORTANT:** STEP levels are NOT USED to determine report card grades.

Program Adaptations for English Language Learners:

ELL STUDENTS ARE PERMITTED PROGRAM ADAPTATIONS:

Modifications

- Changes to the amount or level of curriculum expectations
- No IEP required

Accommodations

- Instructional (e.g. use of visuals, organizers, extra-time)
- Learning (e.g. bilingual materials and assistive technology)
- Assessment (e.g. extra time, oral interviews, simplified language, reduction in number of questions and/or length of written response)

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