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)

*Adapted from Growing Success, pg. 76-78*