

The Intensive English Enrichment Program

Fact Sheet

Q: How is this program model different from what has been done in the past?

A: There will continue to be three levels of ESOL. Level 1 ESOL students will be taught Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Bible by the Enrichment classroom teacher. All students will be together for Match, Art, P.E. etc...Level 2 ESOL students will continue to take one ESOL class with a trained ESOL teacher every day.

Q: Who is the program for?

A: This program is designed for level 1 ESOL students. Typically students at this level are more challenged to adapt to an all-English learning environment for a variety of reasons. Providing lower level English learners with classroom subject matter that has been modified for language learners will help level 1 students learn English faster. Using a modified classroom curriculum also helps level 1 learners adjust back to the unmodified classroom once they have completed the program.

Q: Why is the ESOL program changing?

A: With the increasing number of English language learners at our school, it has become necessary to provide more intensive language training in order to assist students in their transition to an academic English environment. The enrichment program allows all students to receive maximum benefit from our standard school curriculum. These changes provide better and more effective language instruction for L1 students as they take an ESOL class as well as modified classroom subjects.

Q: What is the length of time for this program?

A: This program is designed for one year, the typical time learners at WYIS are in level 1 ESOL instruction

Q: My child has friends in his/her class. Will they be separated from their friends?

A: Students in the enrichment program will be classified with their grade and will have all other classes such as P. E. and library with their entire class. All students in a given grade will follow the same lunch and activity times maintaining a “sense of community” among their friends.

Q: Will the Enrichment classes be large?

A: No, the enrichment classes will be much smaller than the regular classes as enrichment class students are level-1 students only. Enrichment classes will not be more than 10 students.

Q: How will this program benefit my child?

A: Students in the enrichment classes will benefit from smaller classes and more focused instruction from trained language teachers. These classes offer more student/teacher interaction with more focus on language skills in classroom content. Students will be in a situation where they can learn English faster and not miss out on the content taught in their grade.

Q: What will the workload be like?

A: Enrichment program students will have similar workloads and expectations as students in the unmodified classrooms. There may be occasional accommodations, but the same standards will apply.

Q: What curriculum will be used?

A: Students in the Enrichment program will follow the same curriculum and standards as the unmodified classroom curriculum. For example, the students in the grade 2/3 enrichment class will all follow a modified grade 2 curriculum. Teachers will work together to ensure that the same content is covered in all classes.

Q: What kind of teachers will be teaching the course?

A: We have qualified and experienced language teachers in our program. We aim at having instructors with a solid academic background in education as well as having ESL credentials.