

Theisen Middle School  
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"There is no equality of treatment merely by providing students with the same facilities, textbooks, teachers, and curriculum; for students who do not understand English are effectively foreclosed from any meaningful education."  
Lau v. Nichols, 414 US 563 (1974)

# Theisen Middle School ESL Program

## Services Provided

- Individual or small group instruction from the ESL teacher
- The classroom teacher and the ESL teacher team-teaching in the content area subjects in the classroom
- A translator providing support in content area subjects as needed
- The ESL teacher coaching the content area teacher in effective strategies to promote English language development
- The ESL teacher providing tutoring support within the content area classroom

## Qualification of Services

Students who speak a non-English language or are exposed to a non-English language in the home will be screened to determine eligibility for ESL services through the use of the W-APT if no documentation is available from a previous school district. Every year students are tested to measure how their English language proficiency has improved. ELL students in grades Kindergarten through twelfth grade participate in the ACCESS for ELLs. ALL ELL STUDENTS are required to take the test each year, even if they do not receive ELL services at school. ACCESS test results are sent home to parents/guardians in late spring.

### Exit Requirements:

- Automatic Exit: ACCESS Composite Score of 6.0
- Automatic Exit: ACCESS Composite Score of 5.0 and Literacy Score of 5.0
- Manual Exit: ACCESS Composite Score of at least 5.0 and other data to support students is at grade level

## ESL Program Goals

### Academic Goals

- Develop and maintain listening, speaking, reading and writing competency in English as outlined in WIDA Standards
- Develop and apply academic language in content areas
- Utilize prior knowledge to develop critical thinking skills
- Meet grade level expectations

### Cultural Competency

- Participate in and are members of our school community
- Maintain and value cultural identity
- Develop an awareness and understanding of the dominant culture in which students live
- Increase the level of cultural competency within school community

