



Parent Outreach Office (International Welcome Center) ESOL Parent Leadership Council



Broward County Public Schools

Numbers

259,656 Students

Pre-k – 5: 91,202

6 – 8: 47,309

9 – 12: 69,893

Centers: 4,103

Charters: 48,208



Active ELLs (LY)

29,839

11.3% of total population

Total (LY, LP & LF)

40,633

15.6 % total population



165 Countries

145
Languages



Top Countries – Top Languages

10 Top Countries

Venezuela	2,867	10.2%
Haiti	2,473	8.8%
Honduras	1,215	4.3%
Colombia	1,211	4.3%
Brazil	1,160	4.1%
Guatemala	824	2.9%
Dominican Rep.	690	2.5%
El Salvador	523	1.9%
Puerto Rico	492	1.7%
Cuba	399	1.4%

10 Top Languages

Spanish	18,365	65.3%
H. Creole	5,587	19.9%
Portuguese	1,486	5.3%
Russian	391	1.4%
Vietnamese	365	1.3%
Chinese	219	0.8%
Creole (Patua)	211	0.7%
Arabic	203	0.7%
Hebrew	194	0.7%
French	155	0.6%





The Bilingual/ESOL Department is committed to providing rigorous academics, promoting community involvement, and delivering quality services to English Language Learners, multilingual families, schools, and district offices.





The Bilingual/ESOL department offers the following services and programs:

- ESOL Program
- Dual Language Program
- World Languages Program
- Interpretations / Translations
- Parent Outreach Office (International Welcome Center)





Parent Outreach Office (International Welcome Center)

The Parent Outreach Office provides services to bilingual parents, ESOL students and community organizations to ensure the integration of bilingual families into Broward County Public Schools.

The Parent Outreach Office serves:

- English Language Learners (ELLs)
- Recently-arrived Immigrants
- Parents
- Families
- Schools
- School & District Staff
- Community members/organizations



What Guides Our Work?

META Consent Decree

- Parent Leadership Council
- Leadership Training
- Represented in district committees



Title III Grant

Parent involvement activities to increase student achievement and language acquisition.





Services Provided

- Inform parents and families about American and Broward County School Systems
- Provide assistance to ELLs and parents with school-related issues
 - Meet with families one-on-one
 - Attend school-based meetings with families upon request
 - Help families with the registration process at schools
 - Assist families with school documentation and forms
- Graduation, college and career orientation for students and parents of middle and high schools



More Services Provided

- Free materials to support ELLs' learning at home:
 - Backpacks
 - Dictionaries and Glossaries
 - Reading Books and workbooks
 - Others



More Services Provided

- Leadership Development to parents and volunteers
- ESOL Leadership Council
- ESOL Ambassadors initiative
- ESOL Parent Nights
- ESOL Game Nights



ESOL Parent Nights

Objectives:

- To strengthen home-school partnerships on behalf of ELL students
- To provide ELL parents, guardians and caregivers information and guidance
- To support the engagement and involvement of ELL parents in their children education



The flyer features the ESOL Department logo at the top, followed by the title 'Parent Outreach Office'. A central yellow box lists services: 'WHAT WE OFFER: ESOL PARENT NIGHTS, ESOL FAMILY GAME NIGHTS, TRANSITION TO MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL, ROAD TO COLLEGE, FAFSA & FINANCIAL AID'. The bottom left section, titled 'ESOL Parent Nights includes:', lists topics like navigating the school system, virtual counseling, and graduation requirements. The bottom right section provides contact information: 'For more information please contact our Office 754-321-2951'. A red circular badge on the right side indicates 'GRADES K-12'. The flyer is decorated with several photographs of parents and children participating in various activities.

BILINGUAL esol DEPARTMENT

Parent Outreach Office

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- ESOL PARENT NIGHTS
- ESOL FAMILY GAME NIGHTS
- TRANSITION TO MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL
- ROAD TO COLLEGE
- FAFSA & FINANCIAL AID

ESOL Parent Nights includes:
All about ESOL, how to navigate the american school system, virtual counselor, pinnacle, naviance, canvas, graduation requirements

GRADES K-12

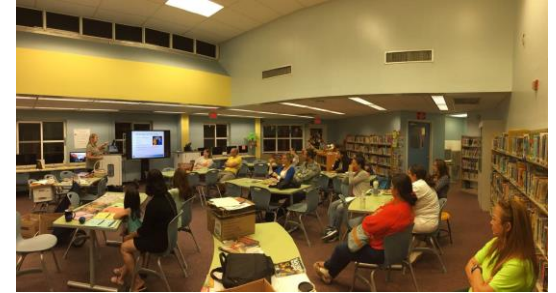
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ESOL Parent Nights

Topics:

- All about ESOL
- American Education System and BCPS
- Homework Tips and test taking strategies
- Transition to Middle School
- Transition to High School
- Road to College
- How to navigate Canvas, Virtual Counselor, Pinnacle, Naviance and more
- School customized presentations



ESOL Families Game Nights

Objectives:

- To strengthen home-school partnerships on behalf of ELL students
- To offer more than “only-informational” meetings
- To provide ELL parents with a feasible opportunity to participate in their children education



ESOL Leadership Development

Parents attend leadership development workshops where they learn skills such as teambuilding, collaboration, networking, professional etiquette and protocol.

Empowers parents to:

- be active leaders in the ESOL Leadership Council
- promote ELL issues
- collaborate with the Bilingual/ESOL Department, within the community and with other district committees



ESOL Leadership Council

The ESOL Parent Leadership Council is a district wide forum for English Language Learners (ELL) parents and interested community members to assist the District in identifying the educational needs and priorities of ELL students. It meets every other month covering different informational topics.



ESOL Leadership Council – Steering Committee

The ESOL Parent LC elects a Steering Committee: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. Community Members and additional parents also participate as members of the Steering Committee.

It is a parent group open to all multilingual families to provide valuable information and help identify educational needs and priorities of ELLs. Represents the voice of ELL families at District and Community level.



ESOL Parent Ambassador Program

- Volunteer program created to assist non-English speaking families, especially newly arrived, with the transition to BCPS
- Helps families be connected, comfortable and confident with education their children receive
- It is a school based initiative with the support and guidance of the Parent Outreach Office

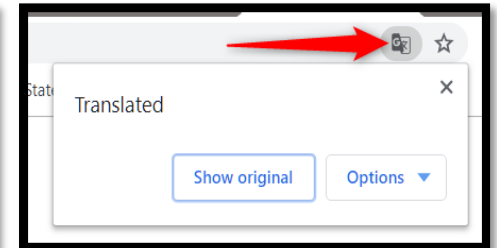
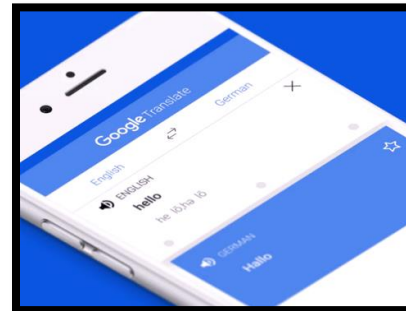


Parent Outreach Office During COVID-19

- Free access CANVAS course with a tab for Parents with resources and information
- Parent University – District wide with other departments
- ESOL Parent Leadership Council Meeting – Teams live events
- ESOL Parents Nights art individual schools
- One-on-one online meetings with families (Spanish, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Arabic)
- Social Emotional workshops for families with Nova Southeastern University once a month in Spanish and Haitian Creole
- Materials pick up or delivered for student support
- Support of PLC Steering committee (Monthly meetings) and Parent Ambassadors (As needed)
- ASK BRIA – Tutoring tool at District level with interpreters



TOOLS FOR SUPPORTING ELLS THROUGH REMOTE LEARNING



<https://browardschools.instructure.com/courses/867005>



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