

STEWART COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

English Second Language Program

Program Policy

The English as a Second Language (ESL) Program Policy is designed to set minimum standards for Tennessee school districts in providing services to non-English language background (NELB) students who are also limited English proficient (LEP). These students are referred to as English Language Learners (ELLs).

States, districts, and schools are required to provide specialized programs for LEP students to comply with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1965 and T.C.A. 4-21-90. This ESL policy has two purposes. First, it establishes the minimum required compliance components for ESL programs in Tennessee. Second, it provides a framework for implementing effective education programs for ELLs.

Program Goals

- Provide LEP students with meaningful opportunities to learn and acquire English
- Assist schools with effective implementation of English language programs
- Develop, implement, and direct ESL programs for the district
- Provide regular instructional support to teachers
- Provide ongoing, job-embedded professional development
- Identify, purchase and distribute ESL materials to schools
- Provide a link of communication between schools and community