

## **English Learners**

### **Program Vision**

The English learner program exists to ensure English learners make substantial gains in their English language proficiency while taking part in the curriculum of the school. We strive to ensure language proficiency, literacy, and learning content standards are a seamless process.

### **Process**

During initial registration, you will be asked to fill out the Home Language Survey which asks questions regarding what language is used by your student. This survey is given to ALL families. If the student has a language other than English in their background, the students are assessed with an English language screener to determine if EL services are needed. If your child is proficient on the assessment, English learning services will not be provided; however, if your child is not proficient, your student(s) will qualify for EL services. Parents/guardians have the right to waive services; however, the student remains identified as an English learner and must take the annual English language proficiency test until they are proficient by the State's predetermined scores.

## **Translation and Interpretation Services**

### **Interpretations**

Stewart County Schools will schedule an interpreter or competent bilingual staff member to assist during parent/teacher conferences, SST, IEP, retention meetings, school and district events, disciplinary hearings, Title I & Title III events as well as any event open to the SCSS community. We will also make phone calls to parents and record robocalls when needed.

Please allow 5 days to schedule an interpreter. Should you need immediate assistance in another language, please call Jackie Perigen at (931) 232 - 5176.

If applicable, flyers and invitations should be sent home in Spanish (or other languages) before requesting an interpreter.

### **Translations**

Our office will translate forms, event flyers/agendas, school-wide communications, district communications, and general information on display for parents.

Please allow an appropriate amount of time for translations.

Any student or staff member needing to set up translation and/or interpretation needs should contact Jackie Perigen at (931) 232 - 5176.