

<b>Descriptor Term:</b>  ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE	<b>Descriptor:</b> IHBEA	<b>Issued:</b> Draft
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English is the primary language of instruction in the Tupelo Public School District. Students whose primary language is not English and whose learning are found to be impaired due to limited or absent English language skills, will be provided access to English as a second language services.

Consistent with the goals of the district, the purpose of the English as a Second Language program shall be to assist students in academic subjects and in effective transition to English. Transition support will also attempt to heighten appreciation of each language, the heritage with which the student is associated, and the sense of dignity of a human being with unique worth.

Licensed Teachers and Paraprofessionals, working with English Language Learners, are required to be proficient in oral and written communication as evaluated on the TPSD Career Appraisal Instrument.