

K-12 ESOL PROGRAM FOR BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2007-2008?

- Broward County Public Schools, the sixth largest school district in the United States, is charged with the opportunity and challenge of providing effective and comprehensible instruction to the growing number of English language learners (ELLs). Our task is to instruct ELLs so that they gain both proficiency in English and mastery of the Sunshine State Standards. Studies have shown that successful programs for ELLs must include curriculum and instruction that recognizes the diversity and complexity of these students. The programs must be comprehensive and allow for students to build their reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills in English. When schools enroll ELLs, the implications are immense and require significant changes to program structure, belief systems, and behaviors.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- Ensure that Leadership Team and Instructional Staff know the K-12 ESOL Program plan and its implementation.
- Follow the guidelines set in the plan for scheduling, instruction, and assessment of ELLs.
- Ensure that highly qualified teachers with appropriate certification/endorsement are assigned to instruct ELLs.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- Schools will compromise the academic achievement and attainment of the adequate yearly progress target for the ELL subgroup.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- Area Offices
- K-12 Administrators
- K-12 Instructional Staff

HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

- District will coordinate implementation procedures and maintain appropriate personnel informed.
- Dissemination of the K-12 ESOL Program Plan will be forthcoming.

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