

**ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

A BROWARD COUNTY ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES LEADERSHIP COUNCIL SHALL BE ESTABLISHED. THE ESOL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL SHALL SERVE AND PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL AS REQUIRED BY THE CONSENT DECREE BY ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, CASE NUMBER 90-1913, ALSO KNOWN AS THE META CONSENT DECREE.

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RULES

A. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership shall include all interested parties, composed in the majority by parents of Limited English Proficient (LEP) students.
2. Members shall serve for a term of one year.

B. OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

1. The ESOL Leadership Council officers shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, and Secretary.
2. Officers shall be elected annually at the May meeting.
3. Officers shall serve for a maximum of three (3) consecutive one (1) year terms, or until their successors are elected.
4. No officer shall serve more than three (3) consecutive years in the same office.
5. The Chairperson shall not be an employee of Broward County Public Schools.

C. DUTIES

1. Perform all duties of the ESOL Leadership Council which will be advisory in nature, none of which will conflict with any of the powers and duties reserved by law, policy or administrative guidelines to the Superintendent or the Broward County School Board.
2. Perform all duties pertaining to the Parent Leadership Council as required by the META Consent Decree.
3. The ESOL Leadership Council shall be consulted prior to submission of the District LEP Plan to the State.
4. Assist in the identification of the education needs and priorities of LEP students.
5. Coordinate community resources and secure community support for ESOL Programs.
6. Participate in leadership training and orientation to the State approved LEP Plan.
7. Promote and inform LEP parents of the opportunity to be represented on existing school and district advisory committees.
8. Support proposed legislation addressing ESOL funding and/or program development during the Florida and National Legislative Sessions.
9. Assist in securing legislative support for fully-funded ESOL Programs.
10. Adopt ESOL Leadership Council procedural by-laws.

D. MEETINGS

1. The ESOL Leadership Council shall conduct regular meetings with a minimum of six (6) monthly meetings per year.
2. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum.
3. The ESOL Leadership Council must hold meetings in accordance with the Florida Sunshine Law.
4. Meetings shall be conducted according to the ESOL Leadership Council By-laws and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
5. Minutes shall be recorded, maintained and available for public view.