

ESOL Flyer

In 1990 and 2003, the Florida Legislature passed legislation to comply with the META Consent Decree which requires English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) training for all personnel who delivers services to English Language Learner (ELL) students in the State of Florida.

Category I	Category II	Category III	Category IV
Primary Language Arts/English, Developmental Language Arts, Intensive Reading, Reading and ESE Teachers assigned to Language Arts/Reading	Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, Computer Literacy, ESE Teachers assigned subjects other than Language Arts/Reading	All other subject areas not included in Category I or II; Art, Music, PE, Health, CTE, Ed Media Specialist, Foreign Language and ROTC	School-based Administrators, School Counselors
Requirements			
ESOL Endorsement: 15 semester hours or 300 in-service points <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OR</u></p> ESOL K-12 Certification: Passing score on ESOL K-12 subject area exam <u>and</u> 6 semester hours or 120 in-service points of ESOL training	3 semester hours or 60 in-service points	3 semester hours or 18 in-service points or 60 in-service points	3 semester hours or 60 in-service points
Timeline			
Within the first two school years from the date of assignment to a class with an ELL student, the first 3 semester hours/60 in-service points must be completed by May 31. Example: the rest of the current school year and by May 31 of the next school year. Then, 3 semester hours/60 in-service points must be completed each school year by May 31 until 15 semester hours or 300 in-service points are completed.	Within the first two school years from the date of assignment to a class with an ELL student, 3 semester hours/60 in-service points must be completed by May 31. Example: the rest of the current school year and by May 31 of the next school year.	Within the first two school years from the date of assignment to a class with an ELL student, 3 semester hours/18 in-service points/60 in-service points must be completed by May 31. Example: the rest of the current school year and by May 31 of the next school year.	Within three years of being hired in the position, 3 semester hours/60 in-service points must be completed.
Notes: -If an individual is assigned to a class with an ELL student as Category I personnel and transitions to another position or assignment as Category II, III or IV personnel, the employee must complete the Category I requirements. -Upon completion of all required 300 in-service points and/or passing the ESOL K-12 subject area exam, the DCPS Board Policy 6.32 requires personnel to submit the application/fee to add the applicable subject to their current Florida Educator Certificate. -Semester hours of ESOL training must be earned at an approved, accredited college/university. Continuing Education Units (CEU) cannot be accepted to satisfy ESOL training. -Please do not inquire with other personnel regarding <u>your</u> ESOL requirements and deadlines. Their requirements and deadlines may be completely different than yours.			

Teachers of ESOL Courses

Personnel assigned to ESOL courses are required to hold appropriate certification in English, ESOL and/or Reading. Completion of three (3) semester hours/60 in-service points will not satisfy the requirement. Rather, a total of six (6) semester hours/120 in-service points, a subject area exam or a combination of options may be required. If passing a subject area exam, an application/fee to add the subject will be required. The following courses are subject to this requirement:

Elementary School Level: English for Speakers of Other Language

Middle School Level: M/J Language Arts 1, 2, 3 through ESOL, M/J English Language Development, M/J Developmental Language Arts through ESOL-Reading

High School Level: English 1, 2, 3 4 through ESOL, English Language Development, Developmental Language Arts through ESOL-Reading

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What if I took ESOL courses in college?

In order to review your transcripts to determine equivalency for ESOL courses towards the ESOL Endorsement, you must EMAIL a copy of your transcripts to DCPSCertificationOffice@duvalschools.org. The unofficial transcript must be complete and include your name and the name of the institution. Please do not request your college/university email/mail your transcripts to the DCPS Certification Office. Transcripts must be scanned and attached to an email sent by you. Our office is unable to retrieve personnel files for the purposes of reviewing transcripts. We will review the transcripts to determine if you have obtained appropriate ESOL credit equivalent to any of the ESOL courses. Duplicate credit cannot be awarded. You will receive an email, with Professional Development copied, indicating which courses (if any) you have completed as part of your college coursework. Due to the volume of requests, please allow at least three weeks for a review and response.

What if I completed the ESOL courses in another Florida school district?

If you completed ESOL course(s) in another Florida school district, you need to contact your previous school district and request an *Out-of-County In-service Transfer Form* be submitted to the DCPS Professional Development Office.

Where do I sign up for ESOL courses?

You may enroll in ESOL courses through PowerSchool. These courses are free to DCPS employees when available. In the event there is no course availability, you may enroll in appropriate ESOL courses at an approved, accredited college/university or enroll in appropriate ESOL courses at the following approved fee-based professional development resources. Please note: Tuition and fees are *non-reimbursable*.

Beacon Educator - <http://www.beaconeducator.com/>

Literacy Solutions - <https://www.literacysolutions.net/> (Facilitated courses *only*)

Northeast Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC) - <http://www.nefec.org/events/>

Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC) - <http://www.paec.org/>

Schultz Center - <http://www.schultzcenter.org/>

What is the difference between the ESOL endorsement and ESOL K-12 certification?

- **ESOL K-12** requires a passing score on the ESOL K-12 subject area exam. When adding ESOL K-12 to your Florida Educator Certificate by examination, Florida Statutes require you complete 120 in-service points of ESOL (or 6 semester hours of appropriate ESOL college credit) if you were the primary provider of language arts and/or reading instruction when you applied for the addition. This credit must be obtained within three years of adding ESOL K-12 to your Florida Educator Certificate. If the credit is not completed, the Certification Office will be required to remove the ESOL K-12 coverage from your Florida Educator Certificate at the time of renewal.
- **ESOL Endorsement** requires you complete all five ESOL Endorsement courses.

What ESOL courses are required to become eligible for the ESOL Endorsement?

There are five (60 in-service point) ESOL courses required to become eligible for the addition of the ESOL Endorsement.

ESOL Applied Linguistics (60 points)

ESOL Cross Cultural Communications (60 points)

ESOL Curriculum and Materials Development (60 points)

ESOL Methods of Teaching ESOL (60 points)

ESOL Testing and Evaluation (60 points)

Is ESOL college credit/in-service points bankable?

The 1998 and 2004 Legislatures passed legislation that permits individuals who earn college credit or in-service points in ESOL or teaching reading to “bank” credit for future renewal periods. ESOL/Reading credit or in-service points earned in excess of credit required for renewal of the Professional Certificate may be banked for renewal credit in subsequent validity periods. ESOL/Reading credit or in-service points earned during the validity of the Temporary Certificate may only be used to renew the *first* Professional Certificate. There must be no break in continuity between the Temporary Certificate and the *first* Professional Certificate.

How do I add the ESOL Endorsement to my Florida Educator Certificate?

Detailed instructions to add the ESOL Endorsement can be found on the DCPS Certification webpage at <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/27275>. From the left-hand menu, you will choose *Adding a Subject or Endorsement*.

Can I wait to add the ESOL Endorsement/ESOL K-12 at the same time I renew my Florida Educator Certificate?

Adding a subject area/endorsement and renewing a certificate are two separate transactions. The fee to add the subject area/endorsement to your Florida Educator Certificate is \$75.00. The fee to renew all subjects/endorsements currently listed on your Florida Educator Certificate is \$75.00. There is no advantage to waiting. Adding a subject area/endorsement may be required to satisfy the out of field requirement.

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