

At-Home Tips and Strategies

- Read with your child every day. Even if you can not read English well, read to your child in your native language. This activity will strengthen their literacy skills and help them learn to read English easier.
- Volunteer as often as possible within your child's school. Building a relationship with your child's teacher will help you both provide the best services for your child.
- Visit your local library. Our public libraries strive to provide a variety of resources and activities for children across the district. In addition to books, children have access to technology and various types of media.
- Utilize online resources available at home, at the library, or at Resource Central.

Great examples include:

www.readtennessee.org

www.readwritethink.org

www.tncore.org

www.readingrockets.org



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ESL ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

The mission of the Johnson City Schools is to enable all students to achieve excellence in learning, social responsibility, and self-worth.

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Important Phone Numbers

School Information

Johnson City Board of Education.....434-5200

JCS ESL Teachers

Cherokee: Angie Johnson.....434-5281
Fairmont: Amanda Smith.....434-5275
Towne Acres: Amanda Smith.....854-4800
Lake Ridge: Mary Katherine Wolfe.....610-6030
North Side: Mary Katherine Wolfe.....434-5249
Mountain View: Elizabeth Harris.....434-5260
South Side: Laura Lundell.....434-5290
Woodland: Freta Tipton.....434-5267
Indian Trail: Margaret Bridges.....610-6000
Liberty Bell: Jill Winiger.....232-2177
SHHS: Joe Hoffman.....232-2190

JCS Homeless Education Coordinator

Bonnie White.....434-5226

JCS Spanish Interpreter

Fernando DeSousa-Pereira.....791-2080

Community Resources

Good Samaritan (Food, Clothes) 100 N. Roan St. JC, TN
928-0288 (Legal advice on 1st Saturday of each month)

WIC (Food for mothers & young children) 1-800-342-5942

God's Corner (Clothes) 800 E. Lakeview Dr. JC, TN
929-1915

GED Classes (Adult Education) 434-4900

Headstart in JC, TN (Preschool) 926-6396

The River (Education Classes-Women Only) 125 W. Main
St. JC, TN 926-8111

The Salvation Army (Shelter, Clothes, Meals) 200 Ashe
St. JC, TN 926-8901 or 926-2101

Interfaith Hospitality Network (Shelter-Families Only)
210 W. Fairview Ave. JC, TN 202-7805

Safe Passage (Shelter-Domestic Violence Only) 926-7233

JC Housing Authority 901 Pardee St. 232-4784

JC Transit System (Transportation) 434-6260 or 929-7119

Melting Pot (Meals) 201 E. Market St.-Munsey Church
JC, TN 461-8070

Johnson City Public Library 100 W. Millard St. JC, TN
434-4450



Common Terms

Home Language Survey: A survey given to all students upon enrollment to determine if a student has a non-English language background.

ESL: (English as a second language) ESL indicates English is not the primary language spoken at home. Your child can benefit from extra services within his/her school through the ESL program and a certified ESL teacher.

EL: (English Learners) Students who are learning how to speak and read English fluently.

TELPA: (Tennessee English Language Placement Assessment) The TELPA is a placement test designed to allow schools to place students, based on their English language proficiency, into classrooms and services best suited to meet their needs.

ELDA: (English Language Development Assessment) The ELDA is given to ELs each spring to provide information for teachers and parents regarding student proficiency and comprehension of English. The ELDA shows progress in attaining English language proficiency.

TCAP: (Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program) All students in grades 3-8 will take the TCAP test unless you are enrolled in ESL services. Students who are in the ESL program will take the ELSA, a modified version of the TCAP.

ELSA: (English Linguistically Simplified Assessment) The ELSA is an accommodated version of the TCAP with simplified language and additional time available.

<http://www.state.tn.us/education/assessment/ELLAssessments.shtml>

Frequently Asked Questions

What is ESL?

Our English as a Second Language (ESL) program provides added instruction for your child with a certified ESL teacher in a small classroom setting. Specialized and individual attention to your child's unique needs will help him/her be successful in the classroom. Federal law requires all students whose first language is not English to be assessed for English fluency. This action is taken to determine the needs and services that will best benefit your child.

Does my child qualify?

Once your child has been assessed and qualifies for ESL services, parents and legal guardians will be made aware of the results and will meet with the ESL teacher to discuss learning goals.

What is Common Core?

The Common Core State Standards provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them. The standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers. With American students fully prepared for the future, our communities will be best positioned to compete successfully in the global economy.