

Initial Notice of ESL Placement



Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter is to notify you that based on TELPA* scores, your child has been placed in the Jasper School District's ESL (English as a Second Language) program. ESL is designed to help children with limited English proficiency learn to use English successfully in school.

Assessment: TELPA *Current Placement Level: _____ Date: _____

Your child's teacher and a certified ESL instructor will work together to provide your child with the instruction he/she needs to become proficient in speaking, listening, reading, and writing English. As your child makes progress in language proficiency and academic achievement, his/her placement will be adjusted accordingly. You may request a conference at any time to discuss your child's status in the program.

We will provide you with a copy of the Jasper School District's ESL policies and procedures (in the language of your choice). The packet will contain information on program details, placement policies, assessment procedures, interpretation/translation services, parent rights, and other important components of the ESL program.

Your child will remain enrolled in the Jasper School District's ESL program until he/she meets the exit criteria established by the Arkansas Department of Education. However, you retain the right to remove your child from the ESL program at any time. (If you want to discontinue your child's ESL services, please contact the District ESOL Coordinator or your school's principal immediately.)

It is our sincere hope that this program will play a significant role in helping your child reach his/her full potential. If you have any questions regarding this service, please don't hesitate to contact your school's principal.

Respectfully,

Jeff Cantrell
Superintendent

** TELPA is a national assessment used for placement of Language Minority Students. Placement Levels are explained in your ESL Policies and Procedures packet.*