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Please feel free to contact us if you have questions regarding our program.

Complaints/Concerns

Complaints or concerns about the ESOL Program can be shared using the following steps:
Step 1: ESOL or Classroom Teacher,
Step 2: Building Administration, or the ESOL Coordinator.

If the complaints are not resolved satisfactorily, the Superintendent should be contacted as Step 3. Decisions of the Superintendent are final.



Language Backgrounds

We have students who speak the following languages, among others:

Arabic	Vietnamese
Gujarati	Greek
Khmer	Chinese
Polish	Portuguese
Russian	Spanish
Ukrainian	Urdu



New Hampshire

More than 4900 English Language Learners (ELLs) attend New Hampshire schools. ELL students speak 136 languages. The New Hampshire Department of Education is committed to assisting schools in providing the best possible education for these children.

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English for Speakers of Other Languages

School Administrative Unit 28

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The Pelham School District, in collaboration with the community we serve, is committed to providing a high quality, contemporary education in an inspiring and safe environment. Our goal is to educate, prepare, and inspire all students to achieve their full potential as life long learners, critical thinkers, and contributing citizens to our global society.



Our Program

The Pelham School District provides an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program as required by State and Federal Law (Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act). The program is based on the New Hampshire Department of Education's Guidance and best practices in the area of English language acquisition. All students attending Pelham Schools receive a Home Language Survey upon registration. Based on the information provided by the parents, students may be screened to assess their English proficiency. The results of that screening determine if ESOL services will be provided to the student.

Our Students

The ESOL program services students with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). These students can be:

- Recent immigrants or refugees who don't speak or understand any English, or less recent immigrants still learning the language and not yet proficient,
- Born in the United States to families who speak the language of their heritage at home,
- Adopted from another country.

Services and Instruction

Students receiving ESOL services are placed in a regular education classroom alongside their English-speaking peers, the Pelham School District does not maintain self-contained classes for English language learners. It is our belief that student's English language acquisition is enhanced when they are immersed in the English-speaking classroom with peers using English for learning and socialization. The ESOL Teacher provides support and instruction both in the classroom as well as in alternate locations around the building.