



# The School District of Okeechobee County

## ESOL Requirement

### Staff Development

*ESOL is a professional field of study, which trains classroom teachers to meet the needs of English Language Learners (ELL) who are learning English as a second language.*

The current subject(s) taught will determine the appropriate ESOL category requirement as indicated in the table below:

<b>Category I</b> 300 Inservice Points	<b>Category II</b> 60 Inservice Points	<b>Category III</b> 18 Inservice Points	<b>Category IV</b> 60 Inservice Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English</li> <li>Language Arts</li> <li>Reading</li> <li>Writing</li> </ul> <p><i>Includes: Elementary, Middle, High, and ESE (VE Fulltime) Instructors</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: Effective July 1, 2011, per FLDOE, courses taken through ACT, EPI, and basic ESOL Strategies course offerings (i.e., Teaching Diverse Populations, Diversity) do not meet ESOL endorsement requirements; however, credit may be applied for Categories II, III &amp; IV compliance.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer Literacy</li> <li>Math</li> <li>Science</li> <li>Social Studies</li> <li>ESE – (VE Inclusion) <i>all other core academic areas</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art</li> <li>Foreign Language</li> <li>Journalism</li> <li>Music</li> <li>Physical Education</li> <li>All other electives</li> </ul> <p><i>Includes:</i> <i>ESE Itinerants (OT, PT, SLP)</i> <i>Media Specialists Social Workers, OTC</i> <i>School Psychologists</i> <i>All Resource, Vocational, and ROTC Instructors</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Administrators</li> <li>Guidance Counselors</li> </ul>

#### Category Requirements

Category I- Must complete **a minimum of one ESOL (60 inservice points) course per school year**, beginning with the school year of hire, until the requirements have been met and the endorsement or certification has been added to the educator's certificate. See Option A & B below.

Category II, III, IV- Must complete the category requirements **within the first school year of hire.**

#### Category I Options

##### Option A: ESOL Endorsement

*The ESOL endorsement is a "rider" added to an existing approved subject area on an educator's certificate. An endorsement does not provide appropriate certification by itself; it must be attached to a core academic subject area. Below are the five (5) course requirements for the ESOL endorsement (300 inservice points or 15 college semester credits):*

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| 1. ESOL Cross Cultural Communication       | 60 inservice points |
| 2. ESOL Applied Linguistics                | 60 inservice points |
| 3. ESOL Methods of Teaching                | 60 inservice points |
| 4. ESOL Curriculum & Materials Development | 60 inservice points |
| 5. ESOL Testing & Evaluation               | 60 inservice points |

##### Option B: ESOL K-12 Certification

*Certified teachers may obtain "coverage" in basic ESOL K-12 by:*

- Obtaining 120 hours in approved ESOL courses -- any two (2) of the above courses **AND**
- Obtaining a passing score on the ESOL K-12 subject area exam (SAE)

#### ESOL Endorsement Course Option

The Office of Staff Development will forward registration information throughout the year regarding course offerings and registration from approved providers.

**NOTE:** *It is the responsibility of the qualifying educator to contact the Staff Development Office, upon completion of all ESOL endorsement/certification requirements to add the applicable ESOL coverage to the certificate. It is advisable to maintain a running record of completed ESOL courses AND to contact the PD Office to ensure course work is not duplicated.*