

Catawba County Schools
Notification of English Language Proficiency Test Results and ESL Program Eligibility

The State of North Carolina requires that any student with a language other than English be administered an English language proficiency test, currently the **IDEA Language Proficiency Test (IPT)**, to identify limited English proficient (LEP) students by assessing English proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Please see IPT results above.

Other Assessments of Academic Achievement (if available):

ESL Program Eligibility:

- ☐ Based on your child's IPT scores and academic achievement results (if available), your child is eligible to participate in the ESL program for the **2007-2008** school year.
- ☐ Based on your child's IPT scores and academic achievement results (if available), your child is **not** eligible to participate in the ESL program for the **2007-2008** school year.

ESL Program Benefits – The Catawba County Schools' ESL Program goal is to help LEP students obtain English language proficiency in order to meet 1) state and federal grade level academic achievement standards for grade promotion and graduation and 2) federal English language growth and proficiency requirements. ESL classes are taught in English with the use of special instructional materials. Small group instruction develops listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills within a content based framework.

ESL Program Services – Served and Consultative. Your child will receive the following service:

- ☐ **Served:** Elementary and some middle and high school LEP students participate in regular classes and have scheduled ESL instruction based on each student's English proficiency levels. Depending on the school site, some middle and high school LEP students enroll in ESL Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced classes.
- ☐ **Consultative:** LEP students at the upper Advanced level in listening, speaking, reading, and writing do not receive direct instruction from an ESL teacher but may receive short term instructional support if needed (This service **MUST** have the ESL coordinator's prior approval).

Additional Catawba County Schools System-Wide Programs

- **Exceptional Children's (EC) Program** (eligible students): Focuses on meeting the needs of special needs students. LEP students with special needs have equal access to EC and ESL programs.
- **Academically and Gifted (AIG) Program** (eligible students): Focuses on meeting the needs of academically and gifted students. LEP students who are identified as AIG have equal access to AIG and ESL programs.
- **Title I** (eligible students): Focuses on providing additional support in math and reading.

Exit Procedures – Our goal is to transition LEP students from the ESL program within two to five years depending on their English language and grade levels. ESL services are provided to LEP students until they score "Superior" in all domains (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) on the IPT. At that time, the student is exited from the ESL program and the parent is notified in writing. Exited students' grades are monitored for a minimum of one year to ensure academic success. In addition, at the secondary level our expected goal is for 100% of our LEP students to graduate from high school.

Parent's Rights – You have the right to waive or remove your child from ESL program services by contacting the International Newcomer Center at (828) 695-8742.

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