

ENGLISH Language LEARNERS (ELL) formerly known as ESL

We welcome students into English Language program at William Aberhart High School throughout the school year. We provide students with a timetable based on their English skill level and English language classes (ELL) are tailored, personalized and flexible to meet our students' specific learning needs. Each student is unique and therefore, a student's progression varies: some students move through our ELL program quickly, while others need more time with English mastery.

Our English language learners are assessed either at Kingsland Center or at Aberhart. We look at the student's English language proficiency as well as their skills in mathematics. We will then timetable the student in the appropriate English and math classes.

Within the ELL classroom at Aberhart, we focus on the four strands of language learning: speaking, listening, reading and writing. ELL students enrolled in English language classes will receive two English Language Benchmark report cards each year, in addition to regular report cards. The ELL Benchmark report cards are based on individual student assessment within the four strands of language learning and provide data as to students' language progress throughout the school year.

ESL 10 Level 1 (2A)

This is a beginner level class offered for our level 1 and 2 students. In this class, students focus on reading, writing, grammar and vocabulary as well as learning some basic communication skills. Students enrolled in this class will be working towards completing Alberta ESL Proficiency Benchmarks 1 and 2. There is no credit assigned for this course.

ESL 10 Level 2 (2B) - 5 credits

This is a beginner level English class. It is a continuation of ESL 10 Level 1. Level 2 students continue to work on building their English skills in all capacities. Students enrolled in this class will be completing Alberta ESL Proficiency Benchmark 2.

Expository English 15 (3A) - 5 credits

This is an ESL course designed to challenge our level 3 students with various types of text. This is a high-beginner/low intermediate class. Students will begin to learn how to respond to text. As well, there is an emphasis on reading strategies and paragraph writing as well as the continued development of vocabulary and grammar proficiency. This class is for students who are working towards completing Alberta ESL Proficiency Benchmark 3.

ESL 10 Level 3 (3B) - 5 credits

This is a continuation of Expository English 15. This is a low-intermediate/intermediate level English class. Students will continue to develop their language skills. There is a strong emphasis on improving writing skills, vocabulary-building and grammar. This class is for students who are completing Alberta ESL Proficiency Benchmark 3.

Introduction to Canadian Studies 15 - 5 credits

This is a Social Studies course designed for our level 2 and 3 students. Students work on their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills while developing their knowledge of Canadian geography, history and citizenship.

Science 14 for English Language Learners - 5 credits

This is an introductory Science class that exposes students to Science vocabulary in English as well as expectations and exposure to writing English lab reports. This class is taught by a science teacher and has the extra support of an educational assistant.