

## LOCAL RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

### **Adult ESL Classes at TST BOCES**

<https://tstboces.org/english-as-a-second-language/>  
607.273.4095

### **Migrant Education Program in Cortland**

<http://www2.cortland.edu/community/outreach/migrant-education/>  
607.753.4706

### **ESL at Tompkins County Public Library**

<https://tlpartners.org/esl-talk-time-tompkins-county-public-library>  
607.272.4557

### **ESL at Tompkins Cortland Community College**

<https://www.tompkinscortland.edu/global/english-second-language>  
607.844.8211

### **Dryden's Southworth Library**

<http://southworthlibrary.org/>

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### **Helping your child learn English**

1. Encourage reading in the home native language and in English.
2. Share oral histories and traditions from your native country.
3. Discuss school activities and school work with your child.
4. Provide a time and place where homework can be done.
5. Attend parent-teacher conferences and other scheduled meetings.
6. Remember that you are your child's first teacher. Encourage your child to do well in school.

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### **Dryden Central School District**

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# ENL

## English as a New Language *Family Guide*



**DRYDEN**  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# ENL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Dryden's English as a New Language (ENL) program helps students learn the language they need to succeed in our schools and community. Every student who needs it will get help from a trained ENL teacher, and extra support from all members of the staff. This service is required by the State of New York, and our ENL program is designed to follow state law.

## WHO GETS ENL?

All new entrants to Dryden CSD are screened using the Home Language Questionnaire to determine if ENL services are necessary. If a student is determined to be in need of support after a family interview, the New York State Identification Test for English Language Learners (NYSITELL) is administered to determine the specific level of support a student will need.

## WHAT ARE ENL SERVICES LIKE?

Depending upon how well the student speaks English, she or he will get help in the regular classroom from the ENL teacher, have special classes outside of the regular classroom with the ENL teacher, or some of each. The less English a student speaks, the more help she or he gets. ENL is available to all students in the district, grades K-12.

## WILL THE STUDENT MISS OUT?

Students receiving ENL will also participate in every other part of the curriculum: math, science, social studies, music, art, physical education, and everything else we have to offer all of our students. ENL classes are scheduled so the student misses as little as possible of other subjects. Students in ENL are able to join clubs and sports teams, be in plays, musical groups, and all other school activities. They are also able to get extra help, as needed, including tutoring in reading and math and, if necessary, special education services.

## DO ENL STUDENTS TAKE NEW YORK STATE TESTS?

ENL students do not need to take the state's 3rd – 8th grade English test during their first year in the country. Other than that, they must take all NYS exams including 3rd – 8th grade English and math tests, and they must pass high school Regents Exams to graduate. For each of these tests, ENL students get "accommodations" –

such as translated versions of the assessment, bilingual glossaries, and extra time and a quiet place to work. Each year they will take the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT), which will determine the amount of support they will receive the next year.

## HOW WILL THE SCHOOL AND THE FAMILY COMMUNICATE?

Families can find out about the ENL by going to an open house in September and speaking with the ENL teachers. You may also call or email the ENL teacher or your child's principal or other teachers. Information about your child's progress in English will be included with report cards, and the ENL teacher will attend all family meetings at school. For families who would like an interpreter for meetings at school, please let us know so we can accommodate your needs. We will also translate written information as much as possible. Please let the school know if you need additional information in your home language.