



# The School District of Okeechobee County

## ESOL Requirement

### Professional 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 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 - all other core academic areas</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       | 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

**Schultz Center - No Participant Fee - Instructions for registration and course access is available on the landing page at <http://schultzcenter.org/>. Participants must notify Office of Professional Development via email upon self-registration with course name and date. Courses not completed will be subject to a reimbursement fee of the original cost of course.**

**NOTE: It is the responsibility of the qualifying educator to contact the Professional Development Office, upon completion of all ESOL endorsement/certification requirements, to add the applicable ESOL coverage to their 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.**