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GSA ESL Program

The ESL program provides the English Language Learner (ELL) the opportunity to grasp the academic, social, and cultural aspects of the English language through the four domains: speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

The goal of the ESL program is to help students develop language skills necessary to be successful students and members of society. This can be done most effectively by meeting the following objectives:

1. to nurture self-pride and self-identity in each student's linguistic and cultural heritage.
2. to develop proficiency in the English language.
3. to reach a level of proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening as outlined in the EL Standards.
4. to reach a level of proficiency in all content areas.
5. to provide curricular and extra-curricular opportunities for ELL in a similar fashion to our non-ELL students.

Through the work with the ELL, we not only provide instruction in language acquisition, but also collaborate with content area instructors to meet the need of the ELL. In order for success to occur in the regular classroom setting, adaptation and accommodations are made to reach the learner at his/her instructional level.