



# ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM

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## Fast Facts

- We offer 20 different sessions of ESL classes varying from Beginning Literacy, Beginning Low, Intermediate, Advanced, and a Citizenship class that prepares members of the community to pass the INS Naturalization exam. We also provide specialized courses for advanced students such as: Accent Improvement, Advanced Conversation; Advanced Grammar, and Intermediate/Advanced Writing.
- 1008 students enrolled in our classes.
- Students come from diverse regions of the globe such as: Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East.
- Asian students make up the largest group, at about 49%, followed by Hispanics 30%, Whites 13%, Blacks 4% and others 2%.
- 50 plus languages are spoken by our students.
- 31% of the funding is from fees.
- 31% of the funding is from grants.
- 38% of the funding is from apportionment.

## ESL Core classes

These classes are offered on a trimester basis. Students are required to take a placement test prior to beginning a class and are post tested in order to be promoted to the next level. Below are the core courses we offer:

1. ESL beginning literacy
2. ESL low beginning
3. ESL high beginning
4. ESL low intermediate
5. ESL high intermediate
6. ESL advanced

## Citizenship Preparation

The Citizenship class is designed for students who already have some basic communicative skills in English and who wish to prepare for the naturalization and the civics interview tests required by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

## English Enrichment classes

These classes are designed for students who score beyond the advanced level in the eCasas assessment. They are focused on providing high levels of instruction in the following areas: conversation, pronunciation, writing, and grammar skills.

## Partnerships

The ESL department collaborates with the CalWorks program by preparing their clients to become proficient in English and consequently enter the workforce. We also collaborate with the Arrupe volunteer program from Santa Clara University in which students meet their community service requirements by assisting our teachers and tutoring our students. SCAE has also a partnership with the Santa Clara City Library literacy program, and finally we are partners with the Silicon Valley Allies Innovative Initiative, an organization in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties whose main goal is to foster collaboration between adult schools and community colleges by providing ESL instruction for adult immigrants.

## Program Highlights

We are very enthusiastic with the expansion of our Family Literacy program with the inclusion of five additional elementary schools. The following are the schools providing ESL/Citizenship instruction to their parents: Briarwood, Bowers, Bracher, George Mayne, Scott Lane, Montague, and Ponderosa.

We have partnered with AmEnglish.com to offer our students online courses. These courses are very helpful to prepare students to pass the TOEFL test.

We continue our efforts to prepare our advanced students to transition into the Community Colleges vocational and academic programs.

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