



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

2011-12

ANNUAL REPORT

FAST FACTS

- 13 sections of beginning and intermediate ESL classes meet in the morning and the evening
- 2 full time, 7 part time staff
- 1091 students served
- 1921 registrations processed
- ESL students come from Africa, Asia, Europe, South and Central America and the Middle East.
- Hispanic students make up the largest group, about 28%, followed by Asians, whites, Africans and others.
- ESL students speak approximately 50 different languages *
- Female students outnumber males approximately 2 to 1.
- 80% of the students enrolled in the basic ESL classes are SCUSD residents. Residents are given priority for enrollment in all classes.
- More than 400 SCUSD pupils have parents who attended the ESL program during 2010/2011.
- 18% of the funding is from fees
- 41% of the funding is from grants
- 41% of the funding is from apportionment

PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

The ESL department provides classes in basic English with an emphasis on the language skills needed to participate in daily life in the United States.

Fee classes are available for advanced students and those who have completed the foundation courses. Fee classes include Accent Modification, Advanced Conversation, Advanced Grammar.

PARTNERSHIPS

The ESL department collaborates with the CalWorks program, enrolling approximately 60 parents on cash aid each school year. Students from Santa Clara University who are participating in the Arrupe program volunteer in our classrooms. We maintain a good relationship with Read Santa Clara, the literacy program at the public library, making referrals and sharing information. SCAE is participating in Allies, an initiative in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties whose goal is to foster collaboration between adult schools and community colleges in providing ESL instruction for adults.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The ESL program participates in the EL Civics grant. After targeted instruction, students were individually assessed on three life skills objectives: communicating with your child's school, job applications and interviews, communicating about housing problems. In order to assist our students in the transition from ESL to work, SCAE piloted a course in Job Skills.

CONTACT

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*Languages spoken: Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Armenian, Assyrian, Azeri, Bangla, Bengali, Bhutanese, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Burmese, Chinese, Croatian, Farsi, French, Georgian, Gujarati, Hamari, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Khmer, Kirundi, Kinyarwanda, Korean, Malay, Nepalese, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Serbian, Sinhalese, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Tigrinya, Tonga, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, Uyghur, Vietnamese.