



# Royal Oak ESL Program

## English as a Second Language | 2014 - 2015

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### Michigan Mandates:

- All ESL students have the right to ESL services and classroom accommodations until they pass both the MEAP/ Smarter Balanced assessment AND achieve a level 6 on the WIDA test.
- Parents can opt out of services, but not testing. Please help ESL staff address these confusions by referring parents to contact us when questions arise.
- For more information about ESL services, minutes of service per level and curriculum, contact the ESL Coordinator or visit the ESL website at the bottom of this newsletter.

### WIDA:

The state of Michigan has adopted the WIDA (World-class Instructional Design and Assessment) standards and testing. For more details, please click on the following link:  
<http://www.wida.us/>

### Instruction:

Royal Oak has created a K-12 ESL Curriculum based on the WIDA Standards, which are focused on these domains:

- **Social and Instructional Language**
- **The Language of Language Arts**
- **The Language of Mathematics**
- **The Language of Science**
- **The Language of Social Studies**

These new standards rely heavily on teamwork between the ESL Teacher and classroom teacher. ESL sessions help teach academic language needed for the content areas, which will in turn prepare your student for success in the classroom when combined with accommodations made by the classroom teacher.

### Assessment:

The WIDA ACCESS was administered to English Learners for the first time in Spring 2014. Any student new to Royal Oak in grades K-12 this Fall will take the WIDA APT (ACCESS placement test) in the next

two weeks. Students are placed at the following levels of Language Acquisition:

Level	Descriptor
1	Entering (Knows/ uses minimal social/ academic language)
2	Emerging (Knows/ uses social, general academic language)
3	Developing (Knows social and some academic language)
4	Expanding (Knows social, some technical academic language)
5	Bridging (Knows grade level social/ academic language)
6	Reaching (Knows academic language at highest WIDA level)

### IMPORTANT:

**\*\* If you suspect that a student may be an English Learner but he/ she is not on the list, please contact us.** Staff members help us identify students who otherwise get overlooked.

**Entry:** Students are initially tested when they indicate that another language is spoken in their home on the initial enrollment form. Parents can NOT opt out of initial testing.

**Exit:** Students continue to be tested until they attain proficiency on the WIDA and standardized tests (MEAP and MME) in reading, writing and math. Parents can NOT opt out of yearly testing once identified.

**Services:** Parents MAY opt out of ESL services by signing 'NO' on the permission slip that goes home every year in September. Please make sure to return these to the ESL teacher at your level.

**ESL Website:** [www.royaloakschoolsesl.weebly.com](http://www.royaloakschoolsesl.weebly.com)

Check often for updates and information: Teacher resources, parent resources, translated documents, student work samples, ESL links and information.