

2010-2012 Bilingual/ESL Model Program Resource Centers

Seven locally developed Bilingual/ESL programs were honored as Outstanding Second Language Programs in a recognition ceremony on May 7, 2010, at the New Jersey Principal and Supervisor Association in Jamesburg. The programs honored were designed to serve the needs of students for whom English is a second language. The New Jersey Department of Education created the initiative to showcase practices and programs that can serve as models for other schools to follow. The exemplary programs were identified through a rigorous process that included extensive program review and a site visit conducted by state officials and supervisors of Bilingual/ESL programs.

Schools in districts that are designated as model programs will serve as regional resource centers for other districts in their geographic areas. Educators visiting the centers will have the opportunity to observe exemplary practices in second language teaching and learning. Administrators and teachers will also be able to discuss issues of mutual concern with staff from the centers, as well as the potential for collaboration on their second language programs.

Staff from the Department of Education's Office of Student Achievement and Accountability and the Office of Academic Standards developed the concept for the program. Selection criteria were developed by the New Jersey Supervisors of World Languages Initiative and the Statewide Advisory Committee for Bilingual and ESL Education with assistance from the Department of Education. The program award is based on detailed information provided in a written application, a full-day site visit to schools, and interviews with administrators, teachers, parents and students.

The twelve model programs for Bilingual / ESL are:

1. Atlantic City Public Schools- ESL Model Program, 9-12 Program: *Atlantic City High School Immigrant Newcomer Student Center*
2. Clifton Public Schools, Bilingual/ESL Model Program: , K-12 Program: *ESL Program with Bilingual Support*
3. Freehold Regional High School-ESL Model Program, 9-12 Program: *Colts Neck Regional High School*
4. Howell Township Public Schools- ESL Model Program, K-8 Program
5. Lakewood Public Schools- Bilingual Model Program, K-6 Program
6. Linden Public Schools- ESL Model Program, K-12 Program
7. Lindenwold Public Schools- ESL Model Program, K-8 Program
8. Newark Public Schools- Bilingual/ESL Model Program, 9-12 Program: *Newark International Newcomer Student Center*
9. Red Bank Regional High School- ESL Model Program- 9-12 Program
10. Roselle Borough Public Schools- Bilingual/ESL Model Program, K-3 Program: *Harrison Elementary School*
11. Tenafly Public Schools- ESL Model Program, K-12 Program
12. West Orange Public Schools- ESL Model Program, 9-12 Program

Atlantic City School District
Atlantic County
ESL Model Program Designation:
9-12 Program
Atlantic City High School, Immigrant Newcomer Center

Visitation Dates:

Visitations can be arranged during the months of October, November, January, February, April, May, July and August

Visitation Procedures:

The Atlantic City High School is located at 1400 N. Albany Avenue in Atlantic City, NJ 08401. Take the Atlantic City Expressway to Exit 2/Atlantic City/Black Horse Pike/Ventnor/Margate/Longport onto Albany Avenue (US 322 East) for approximately 1 mile. Entrance to the high school is from the right lane.

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Demographics:

The Atlantic City School District has an enrollment of approximately 2,600 students, 14% of whom are English language learners. Atlantic City High School has a sending/receiving relationship with 3 elementary school districts in Atlantic County: Brigantine, Margate (includes Longport) and Ventnor.

ESL Program:

The ***Regional Immigrant Newcomer Student Center*** Program at Atlantic City High School is established to educate recently arrived secondary immigrant students who have limited English language skills and, in some cases, are not educated to their grade level in their native language. The goal of the program is to prepare immigrant newcomer students for success in academic programs by acquiring proficiency in English language skills and the content knowledge appropriate for high school graduation as well as to give them career awareness and job training. The program consists of three components:

- An academic year educational program;
- An extended day academic year program; and
- An extended year summer program

The academic year program course offerings include bilingual and sheltered (SIOP) content classes for all courses required for graduation. The ESL courses are leveled from Newcomer through Level IV, and are offered for 1-3 periods per day. Additionally,

support ESL classes such as ESL Reading, ESL Reading in the Content Areas and ESL Tutorial are offered. Students with limited or no formal schooling in the native language are supported through Bilingual Language Arts Literacy (Spanish). Additional program services include counseling, behavioral health & social services, family literacy and educational programs, and career awareness/job training programs. The extended day program services are offered at the different language levels of the students and extend the school day by up to 1.5 hours Monday-Friday. The extended year program is held for 6-8 weeks in July and August. Integrated language learning and social services continue during this component; however, there is a greater focus on career awareness and job skill training.

Clifton Public Schools
Passaic County
Bilingual/ESL Model Program Designation:
ESL Program with Bilingual Support
K-12 Program

Visitation Dates:

Visitors are asked to contact Ms Christine A. Belli at: 973 470-2267 to schedule a visitation.

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Demographics:

The Clifton Public School District has an enrollment of approximately 11,000 students. 55% of the district's students come from families speaking a language other than English and approximately 6% are English language learners (ELLs). Bilingual programs are offered in Spanish, Arabic and Polish in Grades K-5, with High Intensity ESL and content classes taught by Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) trained teachers in grades 6-12.

ESL Program:

Clifton Public Schools currently has 615 pupils enrolled in Bilingual-ESL Programs in the Clifton District. The Clifton program for ELL's in Grades K-5 is provided at schools 12, 13, 14 and 17. Schools 12, 13 and 17 serve as magnet schools for Spanish speaking youngsters, School 13 also serves as the Polish Magnet school and School 14 houses the Arabic bilingual program. High intensity ESL is offered at both Middle Schools and at Clifton High School. POE programs are also offered at both middle schools for newcomers to the USA. Grade 6-12 ELLs also receive sheltered content area instruction. All of these schools provide ESL services for children for up to 67 language groups. The schools provide a dynamic combination of self-contained and pullout programs aligned with the district curricular objectives, following a model of sheltered English instruction. Bilingual and ESL classes are exclusively content based in order to foster a high level of student achievement in English. The master schedule in each building is developed to accommodate the needs of the program. Curricular modifications for ELLs are infused into all district curriculum guides. A Testing/Resource program provides support to students for up to four years after exiting Bilingual and ESL. SIOP training is infused via the District's professional development program.

Freehold Regional High School
Monmouth County
ESL Model Program Designation:
9-12 Program
Colts Neck Regional High School

Visitation Dates:

Visitors are welcome during the months of May, October, November, January, February, and April. Please contact the Principal's Office for an appointment at 732-761-0190 ext. 1001

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Demographics:

District:

White: 9464
Black/African-American: 537
Hispanic of any race: 832
Asian: 900
American Indian/ Alaskan Native: 23
Native: 0
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 25
Islander: 5

Colts Neck High School:

White: 1175
Black/African-American: 24
Hispanic of any race: 170
Asian: 106
American Indian. Alaskan
Native Hawaiian/Pacific

ESL Program:

One of the district's core missions is to meet the diverse needs of all its students, including those with limited English proficiency. The district emphasizes placing the individual needs of ESL students first and to meet them where they are academically. The ESL Program at Colts Neck High School has created a teaching-learning environment that is supportive to the students' success in learning and integration into the overall school community. The program currently services 108 students from 23 different countries. A number of classroom teachers in Colts Neck have undergone SIOP (Sheltered Instructional Observation Protocol) training, which provides them with the necessary strategies to teach beginning and intermediate ESL students in core content-area classes.

All students identified for services that are at beginning and intermediate levels of English language acquisition/proficiency are placed into Introductory ESL or Intermediate ESL, and are also enrolled in a class entitled English for ESL. These students are also placed in an Academic Support Instruction (ASI) class for Reading

and/or Mathematics. Therefore, students at the lower proficiency levels have two periods of ESL a day and up to two periods of ASI, for a possible total 180 minutes of instruction. Students are also provided the opportunity to extend their instruction during a two-hour after-school program, which is offered four days a week and provides direct instruction and homework help and a six-week extended instruction summer program. Bilingual staff including teachers, paraprofessional, nurse, secretary and other students have all helped to create a welcoming and nurturing community for the district's ESL student population.

Howell Township Public Schools
Monmouth County
ESL Model Program Designation:
K-8 Program

Visitation Dates:

Visitations for Ardena Elementary School are available on the first Tuesday of each month (Oct.-June).

Visitations for Middle School North are available throughout the school year

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Farmingdale, NJ 07727

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Howell Twp. Middle School North

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Demographics:

The Howell Township Public Schools is a K-8 district, serving approximately 6,800 students. The district includes nine elementary and three middle schools. The District Factor Group is "FG." The ESL population is comprised of approximately 100 students district-wide. More than fifteen languages are represented, including: Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Arabic, Bengali and Polish. Ardena Elementary School is home to the K-5 magnet ESL program, and currently serves approximately 70 of the district's English Language Learners at the K-5 level. Howell Township Middle School North is home to the 6-8 magnet ESL program, and currently serves approximately 30 of the district's English Language Learners at the middle school level.

ESL Program:

Howell Township Public Schools is a K-8 district with 12 schools. Ardena Elementary School (K-5) is home to our K-5 ESL program. Howell Township Middle School North (6-8) is home to our middle school ESL program. The program design includes a High Intensity ESL Program for grades 1-8; "Kinder Challenge ESL" in the form of an

extended school day for our ESL kindergarten students; and a strong emphasis on Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP)-based strategies for instruction to make content accessible to English Language Learners.

Lakewood Public Schools
Ocean County
Bilingual Model Program Designation:
K-6 Program

Visitation Dates:

Visitations will begin in October 2010 and will be held on the third Thursday of every month.

Visitation Procedures:

Please call at least 2 weeks in advance to schedule your appointment.

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Demographics:

Lakewood is located in Ocean County and has a population of approximately 75,000 people (according to the US Census Bureau). Slightly over 25% of the population is living below the poverty line. There are roughly 5,000 students enrolled in the public schools. Of those students, over 4,000 receive free or reduced lunch. 70% of the public school students speak Spanish as their home language.

Bilingual Program:

Lakewood is a K-12 school district which is made up of four elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school, as well as numerous non-public schools. Spruce Street School is the magnet bilingual kindergarten school for the district. Ella G. Clarke School houses all of the bilingual classes in grades 1-4. The fifth and sixth grade bilingual classes are located at the Clifton Avenue School. The program consists of self-contained bilingual classes, push-in ESL, and sheltered English/SIOP classes. There are nearly 750 children in the Bilingual/ESL program. Most ELLs in the district are Spanish-speaking; however there are also students who speak Polish, Portuguese, Gujarati, Lithuanian, Georgian, Mandarin Chinese, and French Creole. Upon enrolling in the Lakewood Public Schools, students are given an in-take test, called the W-APT, in order to determine their English Language Proficiency Level. Classes are tiered based on WIDA levels, and students are placed in an appropriately tiered class based on the results of the W-APT. Instruction is done in the native language in the level 1 and 2 classes. In the levels 3-5 classes, instruction is done predominantly in English. Throughout the district, and at each grade level, teachers have been trained in SIOP strategies. Advanced bilingual students who are nearly ready to exit from the Bilingual/ESL program are placed in SIOP classes in order to better facilitate their transition into the mainstream. All students receive push-in ESL support

Linden Public Schools
Union County
ESL Model Program Designation:
K-12 Program

Visitation Dates:

Please e-mail Alphonsina Paternostro (apaternostro@linden.k12.nj.us) at least 2 weeks in advance to arrange a visit. Districts are asked to limit the visit team to 4 educators.

Visitation Procedures:

Visits begin 8:30 a.m. at one of the schools in the district. An overview of the program including information on curriculum as well as assessment data on student achievement will be provided by the supervisor or the ELL coaches. A debriefing session will be provided at the end of the visit.

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Demographics:

There are approximately 6,262 students Pre-K through 12 attending the 8 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, and 1 high school. Linden's student ethnic summary include 36.20% Black, 30.44% Hispanic, 29.58% White, 2.44% Asian, and 1.24% Multi-racial. Nearly 45 different languages are spoken at home.

ESL Program:

Bilingual/ESL Program – At the elementary level, Linden has designated 4 ESL magnet schools. In addition, a part-time bilingual program is in place for our Polish and Spanish students and a High-Intensity ESL program for our French-Creole students. The elementary ESL program uses both pull-out and push-in models, and students receive additional reading intervention services if necessary by a trained Literacy Support Team. The High-Intensity alternative program is offered in the middle and high school where ESL students receive 2 periods of ESL instruction. At the middle school, they also receive an additional period for basic skills.

Camden County
ESL Model Program Designation:
K-8 Program

Visitation Dates:

Visitations to School #5 and Lindenwold Middle School may be scheduled by individual request through Christine Miles, Supervisor of English/Language Arts and ESL Programs (Grades 5-12)

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Demographics:

The Lindenwold School District is a pre-K to 12 district providing education to approximately 2600 students, across four schools. The District has an enrollment of 48% African Americans and nearly 10% Hispanic students. Over 60% of the students are eligible for free or reduced lunch and a significant number are transient (approximately 48%).

ESL Program:

The Lindenwold Public School District provides a high-intensity English as a Second Language (ESL) and bilingual programs for a variety of students in kindergarten through grade 12. Through a notably efficacious combination of ESL classes, the support of Academic Success and SIOP, and the integration of ancillary technological resources, students are given multiple opportunities to not only achieve language proficiency in all four domains, but to also fully assimilate into the American culture.

Essex County
Bilingual/ESL Model Program Designation:
9-12 Program
Newark International Newcomer Student Center

Visitation Dates:

Visits are welcomed from October through May. Please call Center Office to make an appointment with Center/Program Supervisor.

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Demographics:

District services over 40, 000 students and over 3,700 are currently in the Bilingual/ESL Programs in over 42 elementary and 3 high schools throughout the Newark district. District currently represents more than 100 languages worldwide.

Bilingual/ESL Program:

Newark Public Schools, Newark International Newcomer Student Center housed at Barringer 9th Grade Success Academy buildings' 4th Floor servicing Students with Interrupted Formal Education (SIFE) middle and high school aged students from all over the world. Program provided are Bilingual and ESL. The Newark International Newcomer Student Center services the needs of SIFE (Students with Interrupted Formal Education) by providing small group instruction, cultural and emotional support and motivation needed to provide these students with the opportunity of acquiring basic skills to assist them to be successful upon returning to their home school or alternative educational setting thus preventing them from dropping out. It is an Alternative Education Program with a set of courses distinct from the regular language and content, ESL and Bilingual instruction in Sheltered English and in the home language, coupled with differentiated instructional practices and ongoing assessments of student progress through multiple measures and courses to orient students to the United States schools and community.

Red Bank Regional High School
Monmouth County
ESL Model Program Designation:
9-12 Program

Visitation Dates:

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732-842-8000 ext. 1437

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Demographics:

Red Bank Regional High School has an enrollment of approximately 1,115 students from three primary sending districts. Seventy-five percent of our students are Caucasian, thirteen percent are Hispanic, eleven percent are African American and one percent is Asian. The high school features several academies. The high intensity ELL program provides a unique and creative response to the growing ELL student population.

ESL Program:

The district's bilingual population, currently 100 percent Latino, comprises approximately 6 percent of the high school population and continues to grow. "Port of Entry" and Level II students receive double periods of instruction, facilitated in both English and Spanish. All other students receive single periods of ELL instruction in addition to a period of English instruction that is team taught by an ELL teacher and an English teacher. All core content subjects are team taught by the subject teacher and a bilingual paraprofessional. Teachers and paraprofessionals meet on a bimonthly basis with the supervisor to discuss student issues, curriculum and topics relating to professional development. Students share a bilingual guidance counselor who is a strong member of the team. Tutoring is available throughout the lunch periods and after school and is well attended. There is a four week summer writing program which includes a recreation component. The school is fortunate to have a school based counseling center, providing support to students for counseling services, health care and family services, staffed with bilingual clinicians. There is a "Fast Start" college program, enabling all ELL seniors to attend a local community college and earn six credits during their senior year free of charge. Currently, scholarship money is available to continue this program post-graduation.

Roselle Borough Public Schools
Union County
Bilingual/ESL Model Program Designation:
K-3Program
Harrison Elementary School

Visitation Dates:

Call the Bilingual Office at 908-298-2015 to arrange a visit.

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Demographics:

Harrison School is the bilingual /ESL centralized school for the English Language Learners (ELLs) in grades K-3. It is also designated as a Professional Development School with Kean University. Thirteen different languages are spoken by families in the school community. Over half of the student population lives in bilingual homes. Forty-one percent are identified as ELLs and 80% of the ELL population speaks Spanish.

Bilingual Program:

The district's bilingual population, currently 100 percent Latino, comprises approximately

6 percent of the high school population and continues to grow. "Port of Entry" and Level II students receive double periods of instruction, facilitated in both English and Spanish. All other students receive single periods of ELL instruction in addition to a period of English instruction that is team taught by an ELL teacher and an English teacher. All core content subjects are team taught by the subject teacher and a bilingual paraprofessional. Teachers and paraprofessionals meet on a bimonthly basis with the supervisor to discuss student issues, curriculum and topics relating to professional development. Students share a bilingual guidance counselor who is a strong member of the team. Tutoring is available throughout the lunch periods and after school and is well attended. There is a four week summer writing program which includes a recreation component. The school is fortunate to have a school based counseling center, providing support to students for counseling services, health care and family services, staffed with bilingual clinicians. There is a "Fast Start" college program, enabling all ELL seniors to attend a local community college and earn six credits during their senior year free of charge. Currently, scholarship money is available to continue this program post-graduation.

Tenaflly Public Schools
Bergen County
ESL Model Program Designation:
K-12 Program

Visitation Dates:

Others can visit our program on any of the instructional levels by appointment. Any day, Tuesday through Friday will be fine. It would be best to visit between October and May.

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Demographics:

Tenaflly Public Schools is a district in northeast Bergen County which is made up of four elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. The four elementary schools have a combined population of 1523 students, the middle school has 810 students and the high school has 1242 students. The combined in district total is 3575 students. We have a total of 223 ELLs who are presently receiving second language instruction, 97 on the elementary level, 51 middle school ELLs and 75 on the high school level. Our predominant languages are Korean, Hebrew, Japanese and Mandarin.

ESL Program:

Tenaflly Public Schools offer a High Intensity ELL program for our Korean, Hebrew-speaking and Japanese ELLs. We provide the same supported services for our ESL- only students as they present the same linguistic needs as our High-Intensity ELL students. Our goals are based on the NJCCCS Language Arts Literacy Goals, WIDA Standards and TESOL Goals. The Program seeks to enable ELLs to achieve fluency in listening, speaking, reading and writing as they communicate information, ideas and concepts for academic success in Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.

The Elementary Program offers our ELLs (grades 1-5) a 30 minute period of standard ELL based on CALLA or SIOPS methodologies and a 45 minute period of ELL Language Arts. On the Kindergarten level, we offer two 30 minute blocks of instruction: one ELL and one Language Arts. When possible, ELL teachers go into the classroom to provide “push-in” support in the mainstream. The Middle School offers one period of standard ELL in which students are grouped by grade (sixth, seventh, eighth) and one period of ELL Language Arts in which students are grouped by proficiency level (Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced). In addition, we provide ELL Social Studies and ELL Supported Math and Science classes. The High School Program groups students by proficiency. There is one period of standard ELL , one period of Language Arts, and one

period of HSPA preparation. In addition, there are supported classes in Geometry, Physical Science, Biology, American Culture and World History West.

**West Orange Public Schools
Essex County
ESL Model Program Designation:
9-12 Program**

Visitation Dates:

Nov. 18 th , 2010	Dec. 8 th , 2010	Jan. 20 th , 2011
Mar. 15 th , 2011	Apr. 18 th , 2011	May 11 th , 2011

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Demographics:

There are approximately 6700 students in the West Orange school district.

- 49 Languages are represented in the school district
- Approximately 1600 students have a home language that is not English
- Approximately 300 students are English Language Learners
- There are 30 different countries of birth represented in the ESL department
- 23 Languages are represented in the ESL department
- 66% of the ESL students list Spanish as their home language
- 33% of the ESL students attend West Orange High School

ESL Program:

West Orange ESL students receive high intensity ESL and Sheltered English Instruction daily. The program focuses on the development of language arts literacy skills and acculturation, through thematic units which integrate literature and the content areas. The ESL teachers work collaboratively with mainstream faculty to coordinate efforts and track student progress. At West Orange High School, students follow a “Sheltered” class schedule that allows them to acquire English language skills as well as content area knowledge in a meticulous manner. Students are grouped by English proficiency as Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced and their schedules are adjusted accordingly. During the Beginner stage, they are placed in subject area courses where multilingual instructional aides are available. Subject area instruction at all proficiency levels is delivered by ESL and/or SIOP (Sheltered Instructional Observation Protocol) trained teachers. There are nine ESL courses and eight sheltered subject area courses designed to address the academic and language needs of our students.