



TO ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

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Meet with Sylvia Sardy
Enrollment Specialist
248-203-3089
ssardy@birmingham.k12.mi.us

*Check first to find out which documents
you will need to bring with you.*

*BPS website:
Click on **Prospective Families**, then on
Enrollment, Information, and Tours*

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Schedule intake interview and English
proficiency testing by contacting the
department via email:

BPS ESL Program
bpsesl@birmingham.k12.mi.us

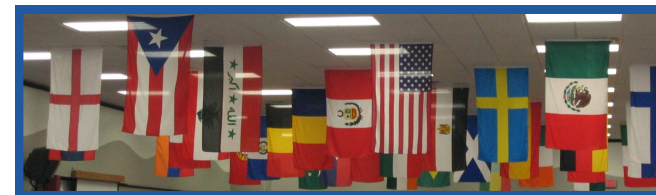
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Meet with the building secretary at
the elementary school level.

OR

Meet with counselor
at the middle or high school level.


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ESL Program

A Guide for Parents of
Incoming English Learners
Grades K-12



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BPS English as a Second Language (ESL) Program

Elementary (Grades K-5)



Students at entering, emerging and developing English language development levels may...

- Attend ESL Magnet Center at West Maple or Pierce, depending on where students live
- Receive intensive daily English instruction, 5 days per week
- Spend the rest of the day in mainstream classrooms
- May return to neighborhood school when they exit the program

Students with developing, expanding or bridging English language development levels may...

- Continue to receive literacy and math support at ESL Center
- Attend neighborhood school and receive coordinated support services based on progress monitoring

Middle School (Grades 6-8)



Students with entering, emerging, developing, and expanding English language development levels should attend the magnet ESL program at:

Berkshire Middle School

ESL A, B, and C count as Language Arts credit.

ESL A 2-period Language Arts class for newcomers (includes tutorial)

ESL B Language Arts class for second level

ESL C Language Arts class for third level

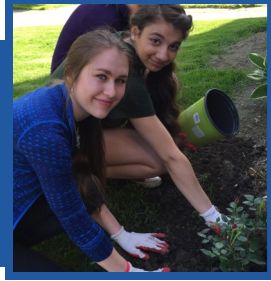
ESL Tutorial Elective offered to all ELs

Students may choose to return to their home school when exiting the Berkshire ESL Magnet Center program.

Students with bridging or reaching English language development levels may...

- Choose to attend their home school in the mainstream classrooms.
- Receive coordinated support services based on progress monitoring.

High School (Grades 9-12)



Students with entering, emerging, developing, and expanding English language development levels are enrolled in ESL courses. These courses count as English credit and are conducted at Seaholm High School.

ESL 1

- Basic grammar skills
- Reading and comprehension of simple text, both literary and expository
- Writing at sentence and paragraph levels
- Communication in social/academic settings
- Orientation to American culture

ESL 2

- Reading increasingly difficult texts
- Writing at paragraph and essay levels using more complex grammar
- Note-taking in academic settings

ESL 3

- American Culture
- Speech preparation and delivery
- Text annotation and analysis
- Research and report writing

Successful completion of both ESL 3A and ESL 3C fulfills the Speech class requirement. Successful completion of ESL 3C meets the Composition class requirement.