

Student Assessment Process

- Assessment is required by the Iowa Department of Education.
- Assessment will be given by the ESL instructor the first time in class.
- The CASAS assessment will help determine students English level.
- Students will be given a CASAS post test after attending 40 hours of class.
- Students will be assigned a student identification number.
- Students are not required to give a social security number.
- Assessment and testing helps the instructor design an educational program to meet the needs of the individual students.

Classroom Activities

- Classroom activities are determined by the instructor.
- Group activities are common.
- Opportunities for reading, writing, and speaking English allows for the improvement of language skills
- Student questions and concerns are addressed.
- Experiences in life skills are often provided.
- Students can learn about American customs and traditions.

Contact Information

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Fees

There is a preparation fee of \$25 charged to each student once a year.

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ESL



English as a Second Language



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What Is ESL?

- ESL is an acronym that stands for English as a Second Language. English language classes are provided as part of the Adult Literacy program.
- Communication, both written and oral is the primary goal of ESL classes.
- Students work to learn to read, write, and speak the English language or work to improve their English skills.

Who are our Students?

- ESL class is open to residents of the North Iowa area.
- Students come from many foreign countries.
- People who do not speak English as their first language are welcome to attend class.
- Students are welcome to participate in ESL classes regardless of their ability level in English.

Student Skills Needed

- An interest in learning the English language.
- A desire to improve personal skills in reading, writing, and speaking English.
- Motivation to attend class on a regular basis.
- Maintain a drive to use the acquired skills through participation in class.
- Practice the learned English skills in their home as well as in American society.

Attainable Goals

- Improve the ability to read, write, and speak English with more confidence.
- Develop a sense of assimilation into American society.
- Feel a closer link to the local community.
- Develop a sense of pride, self-worth, and satisfaction in learning a second language.

Benefits of Attending ESL Class

- Students improve students ability to communicate in various forms.
- English skills improve.
- Confidence and pride in oneself .
- Students improve their educational opportunities.
- Students fin it easier to communicate at their place of employment.
- Students can help their children with their English skills.
- Encouragement and support allow students to participate freely.
- Friendships often develop among students.
- Students develop a greater sense of being part of the local community.
- Students often learn other skills such as computer skills.
- The ESL teacher is a great resource for information for the ESL student.
- There is “carry over” in what is learned in the classroom to life in the ‘real’ world.
- Students are welcome to attend class as often as they wish and for as long as they wish to attend.