

# **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE COURSES (ESL)**

Previous performance in English as a Second Language courses and teacher recommendation should be considered in course selection. English as a Second Language (ESL) is an **optional** service currently (as of 11/23/05). These programs are available to qualifying limited English proficient students. The two components of the ESL program at the high school level are: (1) English language classes, designed to get the student proficient in the English language as quickly as possible, and (2) ESL tutoring, designed to provide assistance with the student's academic courses. Questions concerning ESL should be directed to the ESL office at 919-850-8966.

## **ESL I: ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE 10382K 1 credit**

This course provides the basic vocabulary and concepts needed during the early adjustment to the American educational process. Conversational skills and basic grammar are emphasized, with increasing attention to reading and writing. Social survival situations are simulated and practiced. Reading and composition skills needed for content area studies are taught.

## **ESL II: ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE 10382P 1 credit**

This course extends all skills introduced in Level I. It provides improvement and extension of essential auditory discrimination skills, while refining the skills of recognition and production of certain vowel and consonant sounds. A basic competency component prepares the student with vocabulary and content knowledge needed to pass the North Carolina Minimum Competency Test required for all high school graduates.

## **ESL III: ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE 10382Q 1 credit**

This course reviews the grammatical structures and vocabulary taught in Levels 1 and 2. It will focus on more advanced elements such as word forms, present/past perfect tenses, conditionals, passive/active voice, idioms, and article usage. Increased attention is given to improvement of reading and writing skills, as well as refinement of pronunciation and enhanced oral proficiency.

## **ESL RESOURCE TUTORING 10382C 1 credit**

This course supports students in their efforts to successfully complete homework assignments and class projects, as well as to study for tests. It is intended to supplement what is done at home and to provide extra help and direction in areas the student finds more difficult. The class time is also used to complete quizzes and tests from other subjects. Resource tutoring may be part of any of the above listed classes.