

**SASKATOON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
ELEMENTARY – SERVICES**

RECEPTION OF STUDENTS:

1. If you have advanced notice, inform the ESL teacher, and he/she will be present at registration.
2. Fill out the regular registration form, as well as the ESL student information form (all schools should have copies)
3. Hand out the parent information pamphlet to the interpreter and any other school information that you may have.

PLACEMENT OF STUDIES:

1. Students should always be placed age/grade equivalent.
2. Exceptions occur if there is an issue of maturity or extreme academic/linguistic delay, in which case the student would be placed one grade below the norm.

TO WHOM AND WHERE IS SERVICE PROVIDED:

1. All student from grade one to eight, whose native language is not Standard Canadian English, and who require special assistance in developing both receptive and expressive communication skills in order to follow in the regular program.
2. Service is provided at the home school by itinerant ESL teachers and/or assistants. (In the case where there is only one student in a school, the ESL catalyst teacher assesses the student, and provides the program to the L.A.T.).
3. Kindergarten students in immersion schools receive assistance at the beginning of the year. If, after Christmas, the Kindergarten teacher in the regular English stream feels the child is not progressing, the child should be referred for assessing and assistance at that time.

TYPE OF SERVICE PROVIDED:

1. Intensive: students without or with minimal English; basic vocabulary and Canadian culture taught in an individual or small group setting, 4-5 times a week, for approx. 12-18 mo.
2. Supportive: student's receptive/expressive language is improving; assistance required to function in regular classroom work, 3-4 times a week, for approx. 12-18 mo.
3. Transitional: student sees teacher as required; last phase before total inclusion

Note: If after this time, the ESL student continues to experience difficulty, the child should be referred to the learning assistance teacher for assessment and for further assistance.

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