

# English as a Second Language (ESL)

## ESL Offices

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## ESL Level Classes

- Ⓞ Beginning Literacy
- Ⓞ Beginning
- Ⓞ Intermediate
- Ⓞ Advanced

## Specialized Skill Classes

- Ⓞ Speaking
- Ⓞ Conversation
- Ⓞ Pronunciation
- Ⓞ Idioms
- Ⓞ Movie Idioms
- Ⓞ Writing
- Ⓞ Grammar

## General Information

### Campus Rules

We have school rules. Some classes have rules.

**What does this mean to students?** Rules keep this a safe and clean school, without distractions. Please learn the rules and keep this a safe and clean school to help make learning fun and easy.

### ESL Levels

We have tests to find out your level of English.

**What does this mean to students?** When you start classes you go to the right class for your level of English. The first two weeks of classes the teachers will check that you are in the right class.

### Promotions

The teachers decide when students change classes.

**What does this mean to students?** Talk to your teacher. Your teacher knows what level is best for you. Ask your teacher, "What do I need to do to change classes?"

### Leaving

If you are leaving soon, please tell your teacher. The teacher needs to know this. **What does this mean to students?** Your teacher will have your information up to date.

### Testing

The Placement tests put you in the right level. You will answer some questions and write a little.

**What does this mean to students?**

Try to answer the questions.

### EL Civics

English Literacy Civics lessons are:

1. new lessons picked by students in surveys
2. evaluated by other teachers
3. and they bring extra money to the school for your education.

**What does this mean to students?** Students ask for new lessons that they want. The tests are similar to using English in the community with other people, who are not your teachers.

You help the school improve. The school receives extra money and improves the classrooms with new equipment, such as computers.

### CASAS Tests

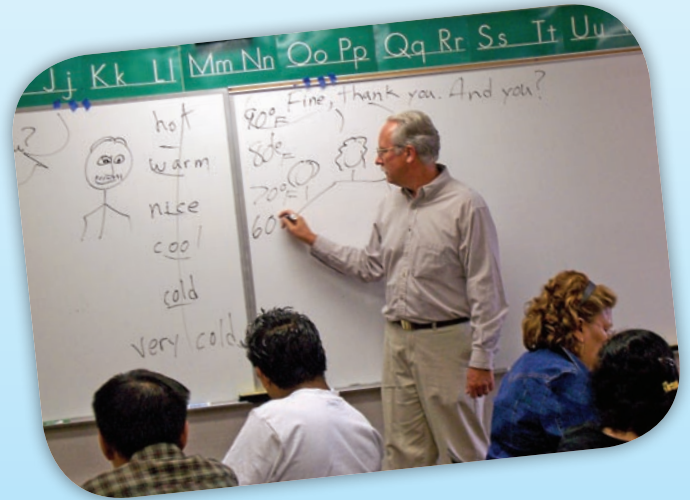
CASAS Tests are tests for all adult school students in all Adult Schools in California. **What does this mean to students?** The teachers can know how the class is learning the lessons. The students can know how they are doing on the tests and in the class.

### Opportunities after ESL

There are many more classes at this school, such as computers and business. Students need to be at the Intermediate Level to take some of these classes.

**What does this mean to students?** Students will be able to understand the teachers who are not ESL teachers.

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## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

### How do I learn English?

At school you can learn English in the classrooms. You can listen and speak, ask and answer questions, and practice conversations with classmates. You can read and study lessons and stories, and write words, sentences, paragraphs and stories. You can learn grammar to improve your talking and writing. **Some students can learn English at home.** They can take the Distance Learning Class. They meet with the teacher, get the work, take it home and study it. When they finish they meet with the teacher again, check the work, then get new work to take home. **What does this mean to students?** There are many ways to learn English, at school and at home.

### Do I have to talk?

You can listen first, for a while, then, talk when you feel ready. Your teacher will help you. Your teacher needs to understand what you can do, so the teacher will talk with you. **What does this mean to students?** Now you can listen better than you can speak, so listen now. Then when you can talk better, you will then talk.

### Do I have to buy anything?

You need school supplies, such as pencils, paper, and a notebook. **What does this mean to students?** You are prepared, ready to study.

### Can the students take the books home?

No, the books are only for use in school. **What does this mean to students?** The class always has books for students to use. The teacher can help students who want to purchase any ESL books.

### What do teachers expect?

The teachers expect students to attend classes regularly, and to tell the teacher when they cannot attend. The teachers expect the students to participate in the lessons. **What does this mean to students?** Come to school as often as you can, and be active in the class.

### What is good behavior?

Good behavior is polite talking, and actions that respect others. **What does this mean to students?** You say, "Please" "Thank you" and "You're welcome." You wait for students to leave a classroom before you enter.

### What is a successful student?

A successful student has goals, and makes plans to reach those goals. A successful student is prepared, organized, and motivated. **What does this mean to students?** Everyday you want to learn some vocabulary and lessons, and everyday you can count how much you learned. You are ready to learn, step by step, and you will learn more, day by day.