

Common Acronyms for English Learners

Terms used for English Learners:

- EL: English Learners
- ELL: English Language Learner
- ESL: English as a Second Language
- EFL: English as a Foreign Language
- EAL: English as and Additional Language
- EIL: English as and International Language
- ESOL: English for Speakers of Other Languages
- SIFE: Students with Interrupted Formal Education
- ENL: English as a New Language
- LEP: Limited English Proficiency
- NES: Non-English Speaker
- LES: Limited English Speaker
- DLL: Dual Language Learner

Other terms to be familiar with:

- WIDA: World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment
- ESSA: Every Student Succeeds Act
- BICS: Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills
- CALP: Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency
- ELA: English Language Acquisition
- L1: First Language
- L2: Second Language
- SIOP: Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol
- TBE: Transitional Bilingual Education
- TESL: Teaching English as a Second Language
- TESOL: Teaching English To Speakers of Other Languages
- W-APT Screener: WIDA ACCESS Placement Test
- ACCESS for ELLs: Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners.
- HLS: Home Language Survey
- NCELA: National Center for English Acquisition
- IELTS: International English Language Testing System