

# ESL Basic Course Overview

Content Area: **World Language**  
Course(s): **ESL BASIC**  
Time Period: **Full Year Course**  
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## **Course Overview**

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The **ESL Basic** curriculum is designed to enable learners to meet the Level 2 World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Consortium English Language Proficiency Standards for English Language learners in grades 6-12. It is designed to move students along the proficiency continuum from level 1 to level 2 of the WIDA standards. In this course, students are expected to demonstrate mastery/proficiency of all the WIDA 6-12 standards at level 2. The course also reinforces and contributes to the development of other standards in the areas of Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills, Computer Science and Design Thinking, Visual and Performing Arts, Language Arts Literacy, and Social Studies. This course is designed for high school students who score below the cut-off point on the WIDA Screener Assessment. Its purpose is to develop oral language proficiency in English reading and writing readiness skills. Students receive 5 class periods of instruction per week.

## **Modifications**

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### **Special education students**

- Additional time
- Modified assignments
- Tutoring assistance and note takers in class
- Individualized learning pace
- Taking a class under a pass/fail condition
- Permission to write dictated questions before composing responses
- Permitting examinations to be read orally, dictated, or typed; alternative test formats

### **English language learners**

- Use of home language on assessment instructions
- Use of relevant vocabulary and/or pictures
- Facilitate the use of student's target language through the use of language translator between teachers and students
- Heavy reliance on visual clues and body language

### **Students at risk of school failure**

- Verbal encouragements

- Reducing the number of questions in a task
- Allow students to use alternative ways of completing a task (in writing, orally, visually)
- Pairing with a gifted or talented student
- Reduce stress factor with one-on-one meetings and making accommodations according to individual needs
- Regular and timely check-ins and correspondence to elicit support from counselor and family

### **Gifted and talented students**

- Differentiated instruction
- Higher level contest
- Use of higher grammatical structures
- Pair with native speakers

### **Students with 504 plans**

- Personalized modifications
- Follow 504 plan guidelines
- Breaks between tasks
- Have contingency plans
- Use de-escalating strategies
- Chart progress and maintain data

### **Materials and Resources**

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The Oxford Picture Dictionary, Joan Ross Keyes, Oxford University Press

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe.

Raz-Kids

Newsela

Learning Ally

## **Content Specific Standards**

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### **WIDA STANDARDS**

1. **Social and Instructional Language**
2. **The Language of Language Arts**
3. **The Language of Mathematics**
4. **The Language of Science**
5. **The Language of Social Studies**

## **Interdisciplinary Standards**

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### [Social Studies](#)

6.1.5.CivicsPI.1: Describe ways in which people benefit from and are challenged by working together, including through government, workplaces, voluntary organizations, and families.

6.1.5.CivicsPI.2: Investigate different ways individuals participate in government (e.g., voters, jurors, taxpayers).

6.1.5.CivicsPD.1: Describe the roles of elected representatives and explain how individuals at local, state, and national levels can interact with them.

6.1.5.CivicsPD.2: Explain how individuals can initiate and/or influence local, state, or national public policymaking (e.g., petitions, proposing laws, contacting elected officials).

6.1.12.EconNE.16.a: Make evidenced-base inferences regarding the impact of technology on the global workforce and on entrepreneurship.

6.1.12.EconNE.16.b: Evaluate the economic, political, and social impact of new and emerging technologies on individuals and nations.

6.1.12.HistoryUP.16.a: Analyze the impact of American culture on other world cultures and determine the impact of social media on the dissemination of American culture.

## Science

3-5-ETS1-1 Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.

3-5-ETS1-2 Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.

MS-PS2-3 Ask questions about data to determine the factors that affect the strength of electric and magnetic forces.

MS-PS2-5 Conduct an investigation and evaluate the experimental design to provide evidence that fields exist between objects exerting forces on each other even though the objects are not in contact.

MS-LS2-1 Analyze and interpret data to provide evidence for the effects of resource availability on organisms and populations of organisms in an ecosystem.

MS-LS2-2 Construct an explanation that predicts patterns of interactions among organisms across multiple ecosystems.

## Language Arts

RI.5.1 Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. (3-5-ETS1-2)

RI.5.7 Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently. (3-5-ETS1-2)

RI.5.9 Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (3-5-ETS1-2)

W.5.7 Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of

different aspects of a topic. (3-5-ETS1-1), (3-5-ETS1-3)

W.5.8 Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work and provide a list of sources. (3-5-ETS1-1), (3-5-ETS1-3)

W.5.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (3-5-ETS1-1), (3-5-ETS1-3)

RST.6-8.1 Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions (MS-PS1-2), (MS-PS1-3)

RST.6-8.3 Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks. (MS-PS1-6)

RST.6-8.7 Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table). (MS-PS1-1), (MS-PS1-2), (MS-PS1-4), (MS-PS1-5)

WHST.6-8.7 Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (MS-PS1-6)

WHST.6-8.8 Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (MS-PS1-3)

## Mathematics

### **The Number System**

#### **6.NS**

##### **A. Apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division to divide fractions by fractions.**

1. Interpret and compute quotients of fractions, and solve word problems involving division of fractions by fractions, e.g., by using visual fraction models and equations to represent the problem. *For example, create a story context for  $(2/3) \div (3/4)$  and use a visual fraction model to show the quotient; use the relationship between multiplication and division to explain that  $(2/3) \div (3/4) = 8/9$  because  $3/4$  of  $8/9$  is  $2/3$ . (In general,  $(a/b) \div (c/d) = ad/bc$ ). How much chocolate will each person get if 3 people share  $1/2$  lb of chocolate equally?*

*How many  $\frac{3}{4}$ -cup servings are in  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a cup of yogurt? How wide is a rectangular strip of land with length  $\frac{3}{4}$  mi and area  $\frac{1}{2}$  square mi?*

**B. Compute fluently with multi-digit numbers and find common factors and multiples.**

2. Fluently divide multi-digit numbers using the standard algorithm.
3. Fluently add, subtract, multiply, and divide multi-digit decimals using the standard algorithm for each operation.
4. Find the greatest common factor of two whole numbers less than or equal to 100 and the least common multiple of two whole numbers less than or equal to 12. Use the distributive property to express a sum of two whole numbers 1–100 with a common factor as a multiple of a sum of two whole numbers with no common factor. *For example, express  $36 + 8$  as  $4(9 + 2)$ .*

**Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills**

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[Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills](#)

9.4.8.CI.1: Assess data gathered on varying perspectives on causes of climate change (e.g., cross cultural, gender-specific, generational), and determine how the data can best be used to design multiple potential solutions (e.g., RI.7.9, 6.SP.B.5, 7.1.NH.IPERS.6, 8.2.8.ETW.4).

9.4.8.CI.3: Examine challenges that may exist in the adoption of new ideas (e.g., 2.1.8.SSH, 6.1.8.CivicsPD.2).

9.4.8.CI.4: Explore the role of creativity and innovation in career pathways and industries.

9.4.8.CT.2: Develop multiple solutions to a problem and evaluate short- and long-term effects to determine the most plausible option (e.g., MS-ETS1-4, 6.1.8.CivicsDP.1).

9.4.8.DC.5: Manage digital identity and practice positive online behavior to avoid inappropriate forms of self-

disclosure.

9.4.8.DC.7: Collaborate within a digital community to create a digital artifact using strategies such as crowdsourcing or digital surveys.

9.4.8.GCA.1: Model how to navigate cultural differences with sensitivity and respect (e.g., 1.5.8.C1a).

9.4.8.GCA.2: Demonstrate openness to diverse ideas and perspectives through active discussions to achieve a group goal.

9.4.8.IML.7: Use information from a variety of sources, contexts, disciplines, and cultures for a specific purpose (e.g., 1.2.8.C2a, 1.4.8.CR2a, 2.1.8.CHSS/IV.8.AI.1, W.5.8, 6.1.8.GeoSV.3.a, 6.1.8.CivicsDP.4.b, 7.1.NH. IPRET.8).

9.4.8.IML.8: Apply deliberate and thoughtful search strategies to access high-quality information on climate change (e.g., 1.1.8.C1b).

## **Computer Science and Design Thinking**

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### [Computer Science and Design Thinking](#)

8.1.8.CS.4: Systematically apply troubleshooting strategies to identify and resolve hardware and software problems in computing systems.

8.1.8.IC.1: Compare the trade-offs associated with computing technologies that affect individual's everyday activities and career options.

8.1.8.IC.2: Describe issues of bias and accessibility in the design of existing technologies.

8.1.8.DA.1: Organize and transform data collected using computational tools to make it usable for a specific purpose.



8.1.8.AP.6: Refine a solution that meets users' needs by incorporating feedback from team members and users.

## **Pacing Guide**

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ESL teacher will work with content area teachers to identify when to front-load academic vocabulary for these units so that ELLs can be more successful in these classes.

## **Formative and Summative Assessment**

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### **FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS**

Marzano Scale  
Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down  
Mini whiteboards  
Google Voice Calls  
Ticket out the Door/Exit Tickets  
Digital Exit Checks (Poll Everywhere, Socrative, Google Forms)  
Four Corners  
Sequence Cards  
Snowball Fight  
Window Panes  
Planned speaking assessments  
Postcard  
List Three Things  
Venn Diagram  
Hand In, Pass Out  
Write It Down  
Think Pair Share  
Think Write Pair Share  
Doodle It  
Two Roses and a Thorn  
Twitter Voting  
Backchannel/Todaysmeet  
Digital Cork Board: Padlet  
Jigsaw Groups  
Answer the Essential Question (Verbally or Written)  
Make Predictions  
Self-Assessment

Web/Concept Map  
ePortfolio Check  
Journal Entry  
Inside-Outside Circle  
One Sentence Summary  
Sentence Frames  
Talk a Mile a Minute  
Tic-Tac-Toe/Think-Tac-Toe  
3-2-1: 3 things you found out, 2 interesting things, 1 question you still have  
Numbered Heads Together  
Gallery Walk  
Just Like Me (Stand up if you....)  
Stand up, Hand up, Pair up

## **SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS**

Each marking period has one summative assessment. Each summative assessment includes all three modes of communication that measure the students linguistic and cultural proficiency according to the NJSLs.

Interpretive Task  
Interpersonal Task  
Presentational Writing/Speaking Task

## **BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS**

Midterm and Final Exams

These benchmark assessments provide students' linguistic and cultural proficiency level in each of the three modes of communication.

ePortfolios

Students upload evidence of linguistic and cultural proficiency, use Can Do Statements to identify proficiency in each of the modes of communication, and set goals about moving to increased proficiency.

## **ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENTS**

Multiple choice questions

True/False questions during Interpretive tasks instead of exact fact recall

Main idea identification for Interpretive reading/listening task

Essay writing instead of interpersonal oral tasks

Narrations for comprehension check

Oral dictations

Recorded Presentational tasks that can be done from home/after school then viewed at a later date

## **Grading Procedures and Evaluation**

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### **GRADING GUIDELINES**

In accordance with Board policy, grades are assigned each quarter. A final grade is determined and transcribed for courses at grades 6 – 12. In terms of proficiency the East Brunswick grades are as follows:

<b>A</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Advanced Proficient</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Above Average Proficient</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Proficient</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Minimally Proficient</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Failing</b>	<b>Partially Proficient</b>

Grades will be determined by a variety of assessment strategies. In addition to interpretive, interpersonal and presentational performance assessments, students will be evaluated on cooperative group participation, note-taking, open-ended question responses, interpersonal conversations, ePortfolios and/or supplemental projects.

### **Grading Weights for Quarter Grades**

10% Homework

10% Classwork/Participation

40% Presentational and interpersonal speaking

40% Interpretive and presentational writing

Final grades are weighted as follows:

Each quarter is 20% of the final grade. The midterm is 10% of the final grade, and the final exam is 10 % of the final grade.

Midterm exam grades are averaged into the second marking period and final exam grades are averaged into the fourth marking period. The final grade for the course is the average of the four marking period grades.

## **COURSE EVALUATION**

Course achievement will be evaluated annually. In this course the goal is that a minimum of 95% of the pupils will meet at least the minimum proficiency level (D or better) set for the course. The department will analyze the achievement of students on unit assessments and final course grades and for final course grades the achievement of sub-groups identified by the state to determine if modifications in the curriculum and instructional methods are needed.

## **Other Information**

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SCED

51992 English Proficiency Development

English Proficiency Development courses are designed to assist students in acquiring the skills necessary to pass proficiency examinations.

Course #	School #’s	Course Level	Grade(s)	Credits	Min. Per Week	Elective/Required	Initial Course Adopted
3210	056	ESL	6-7	5.0	200	R	04/21/1986

## **PRIMARY CONTENT AREA AND SECONDARY AREAS OF FOCUS**

### **NJ Student Learning Standards**

Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills

Comprehensive Health and Physical Education

Language Arts Literacy

### **NJ Student Learning Standards**

SMathematics

Science

PSocial Studies

### **NJ Student Learning Standards**

PComputer Science and Design Thinking S

PVisual and Performing Arts S

PWorld Languages P

