



# ESOL REQUIREMENTS IN SUMTER COUNTY

EMPLOYEE CATEGORY	CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	REQUIREMENTS	TIMELINES
I	Primary Language Arts, English, or Reading Teacher	<u>ESOL Endorsement</u> : 15 semester hours or 300 ESOL points OR <u>K-12 ESOL Coverage</u> : bachelor's or master's degree in TESOL and basic subject area coverage OR <u>K-12 ESOL Certification</u> : passing score on ESOL Subject Area Exam and 120 ESOL points	<u>Experienced Teacher</u> five (5) years from the date of employment, (three (3) semester hours or 60 ESOL points per year, <u>beginning the year hired</u> , as per endorsement requirements listed to the left) <b>You must complete three (3) semester hours or 60 ESOL points your first year in the district!</b>  <u>Beginning Teacher</u> six (6) years from the date of employment, (three (3) semester hours or 60 ESOL points per year, <u>beginning second year of employment</u> , as per endorsement requirements listed to the left) <b>You DO NOT have to start courses until your second year in the district!</b>
II	Social Studies, Mathematics, Science or Computer Literacy Teacher	three (3) semester hours or 60 ESOL points OR meet Category I requirement	<u>Experienced Teacher</u> one (1) year from the date of employment  <u>Beginning Teacher</u> two (2) years from the date of employment
III	All other subjects not included in Categories I or II	three (3) semester hours or 18 ESOL points OR meet Category I requirement	<u>Experienced Teacher</u> one (1) year from the date of employment  <u>Beginning Teacher</u> two (2) years from the date of employment
IV	School Administrators and Guidance Counselors	three (3) semester hours or 60 ESOL points OR meet Category I requirement	<u>Hires Prior to September 9, 2003</u> three (3) calendar years to complete from September 9, 2003  <u>Hires After September 9, 2003</u> three (3) years to complete from the date of employment as a school administrator or guidance counselor

## Questions to answer now!

What category are you?

When do you need to start your courses? Year 1 or Year 2?

Did you take any ESOL courses in college or in another county? If so, have you sent those records/transcripts to **Teeter McMullen at the Sumter County School Board?**

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## ESOL Options:

**ENDORSEMENT** = a total of 300 ESOL points, consisting of the classes listed below. The courses can be taken in any order.

- Applied Linguistics (60 Points)
- Cross Cultural Communications (60 Points)
- Curriculum and Materials Development (60 Points)
- Methods of Teaching ESOL (60 Points)
- Testing and Evaluation of ESOL (60 Points)

**CERTIFICATION** = a total of 120 ESOL points and a passing score on the state ESOL subject area exam.

## Where do you take your courses?

Sumter County School Board employees may take courses through [Literacy Solutions](#) at no charge.

- Applied Linguistics (60 Points)
- Cross Cultural Communications (60 Points)
- Curriculum and Materials Development (60 Points)
- Methods of Teaching ESOL (60 Points)
- Testing and Evaluation of ESOL (60 Points)
- ESOL Basic/Essential (18 Points) for Category III teachers

We still accept coursework from the following providers; they are self-pay.

- Northeast Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC) - [www.nefec.org](http://www.nefec.org)
- Schultz Center - [www.schultzcenter.org](http://www.schultzcenter.org)
- Beacon Educator - [www.beaconeducator.com](http://www.beaconeducator.com)
- Center for Technology and Education - [www.cteched.com](http://www.cteched.com)

## Who pays for the ESOL Subject Area Exam?

The district will reimburse the registration fee for the ESOL subject area exam. All reimbursements are processed when substantiated by a reimbursement form, score report, verifying the exam was passed, and a receipt of payment. Contact Teeter McMullen for reimbursement information. Contact Chris McKinney for a TDE if the test is on a regular work day.

## College Coursework:

The Supervisor of Professional Learning reviews all course descriptions and acts upon each request for a transfer of credits. If you would like your transcripts reviewed, please submit them using the following webpage - <https://www.sumter.k12.fl.us/Page/261> .

**Please contact Chris McKinney or Cindy Simmons with any ESOL questions.**

**Call C. McKinney at (352) 793-2315, ext. 50270  
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[chris.mckinney@sumter.k12.fl.us](mailto:chris.mckinney@sumter.k12.fl.us) .**

**Call C. Simmons at (352) 793-2315, ext. 50226  
or email her at  
[Cynthia.simmons@sumter.k12.fl.us](mailto:Cynthia.simmons@sumter.k12.fl.us).**