



Welcome to
**Kindergarten
ESOL Parent
Night!**

Forestdale's ESOL Teachers

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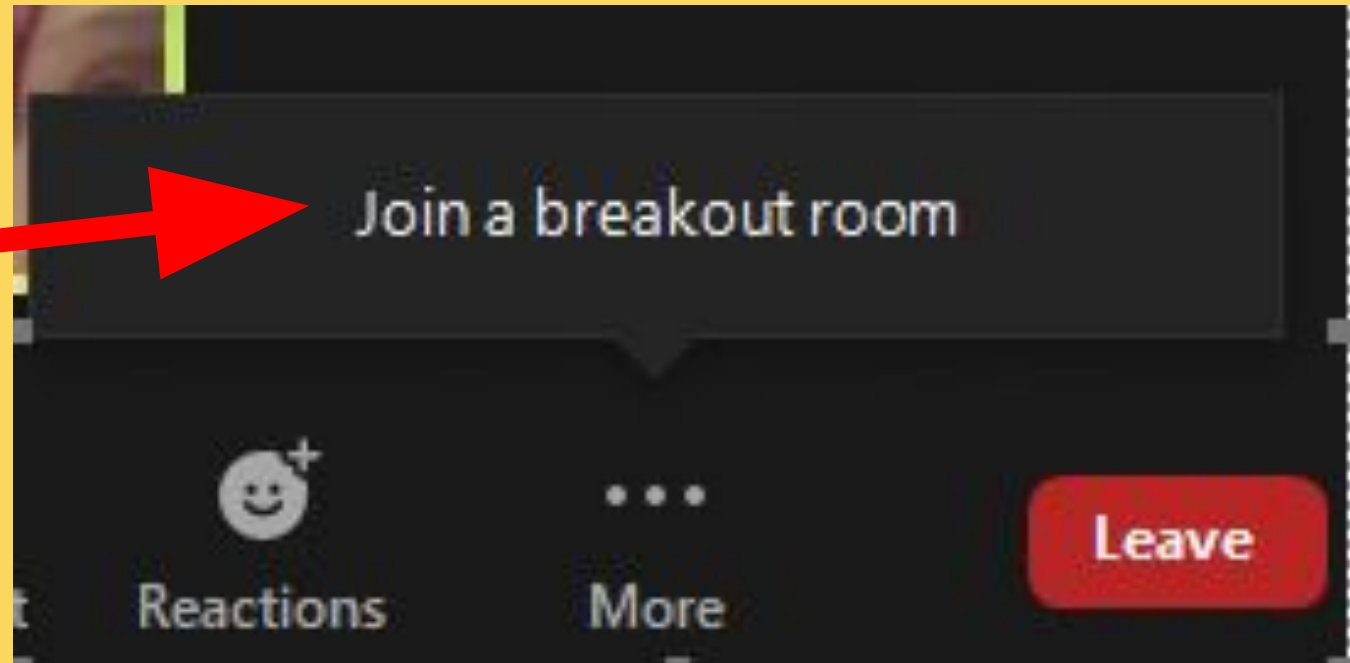
Ms. Softic



¿Quiere la presentacion en espanol esta noche?

Vamos a tener la presentacion en espanol esta noche también.

Si quiere tenerla en espanol, clic **aqui** para ir al cuarto con espanol.

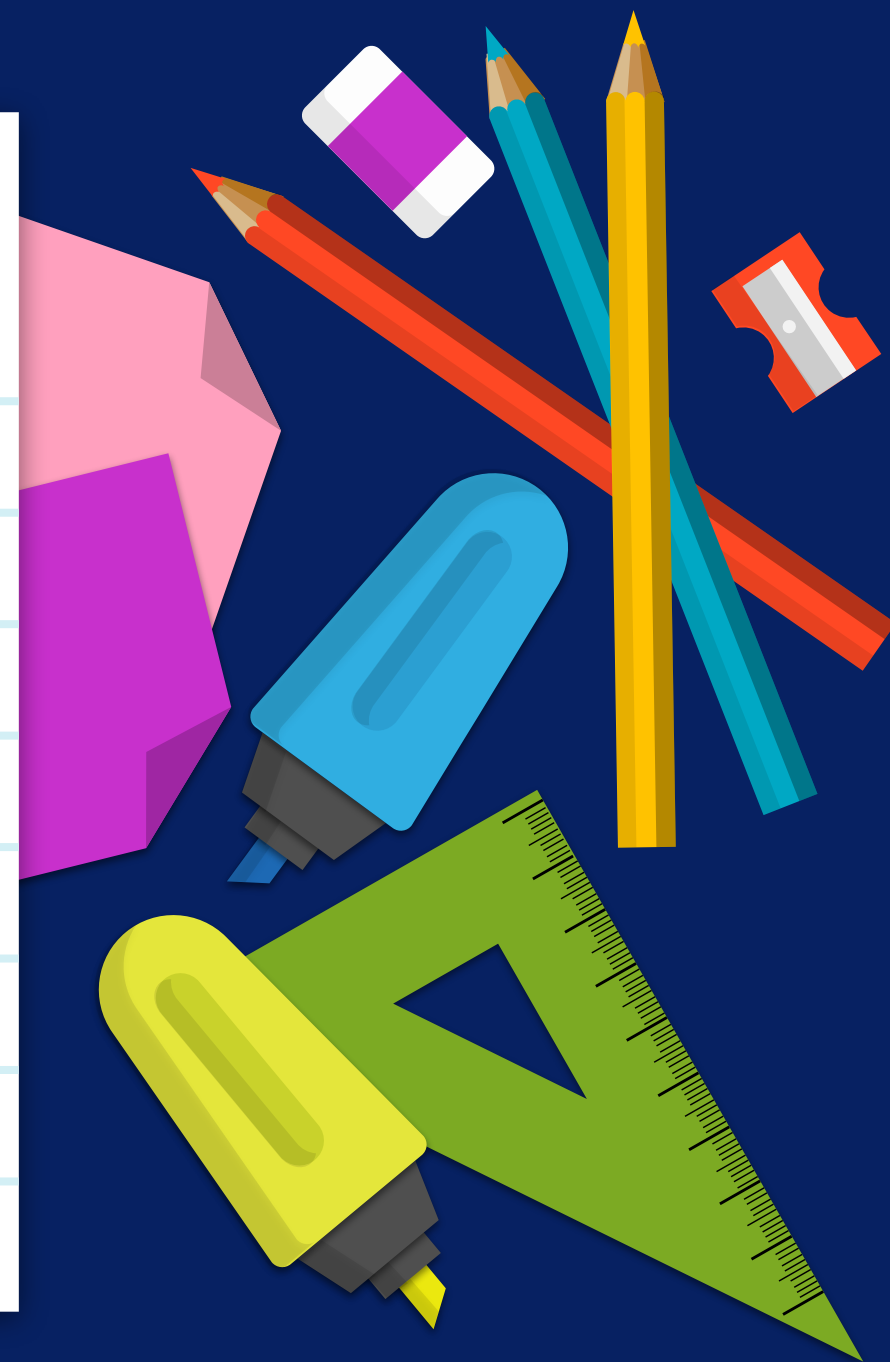





Tonight we will discuss:

- **What is the ESOL Program?**
- **How does my child benefit?**
- **English Language Testing**
- **School Expectations**
- **What can parents do?**

We will answer any questions you may have at the end of the presentation.





**How did my
student
qualify for
ESOL?**

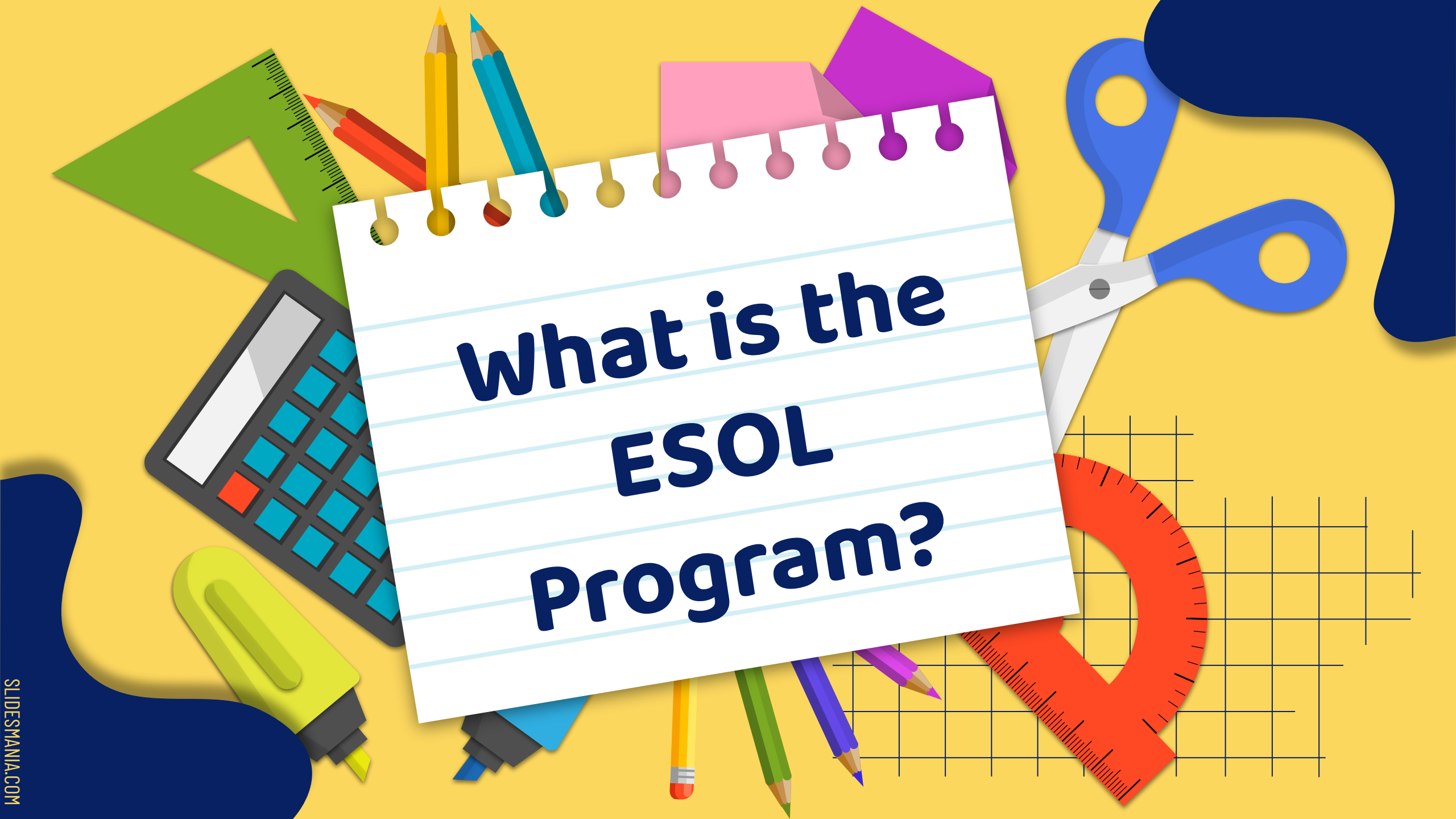
Home Language Survey

When you registered your student with FCPS, you indicated that they spoke a language other than English at home.

We are required to test any student whose survey indicated another language spoken at home.

Students were given the WIDA Screener to assess their speaking and listening skills.

A certain score made students eligible for ESOL! 😊



**What is the
ESOL
Program?**

What is the ESOL Program?

English

Speakers

Of Other

Languages



Our program...

- Gives your student attention and targeted lessons to help their English reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

- Focuses on the ACADEMIC language students need to access the curriculum

English Proficiency Takes Time

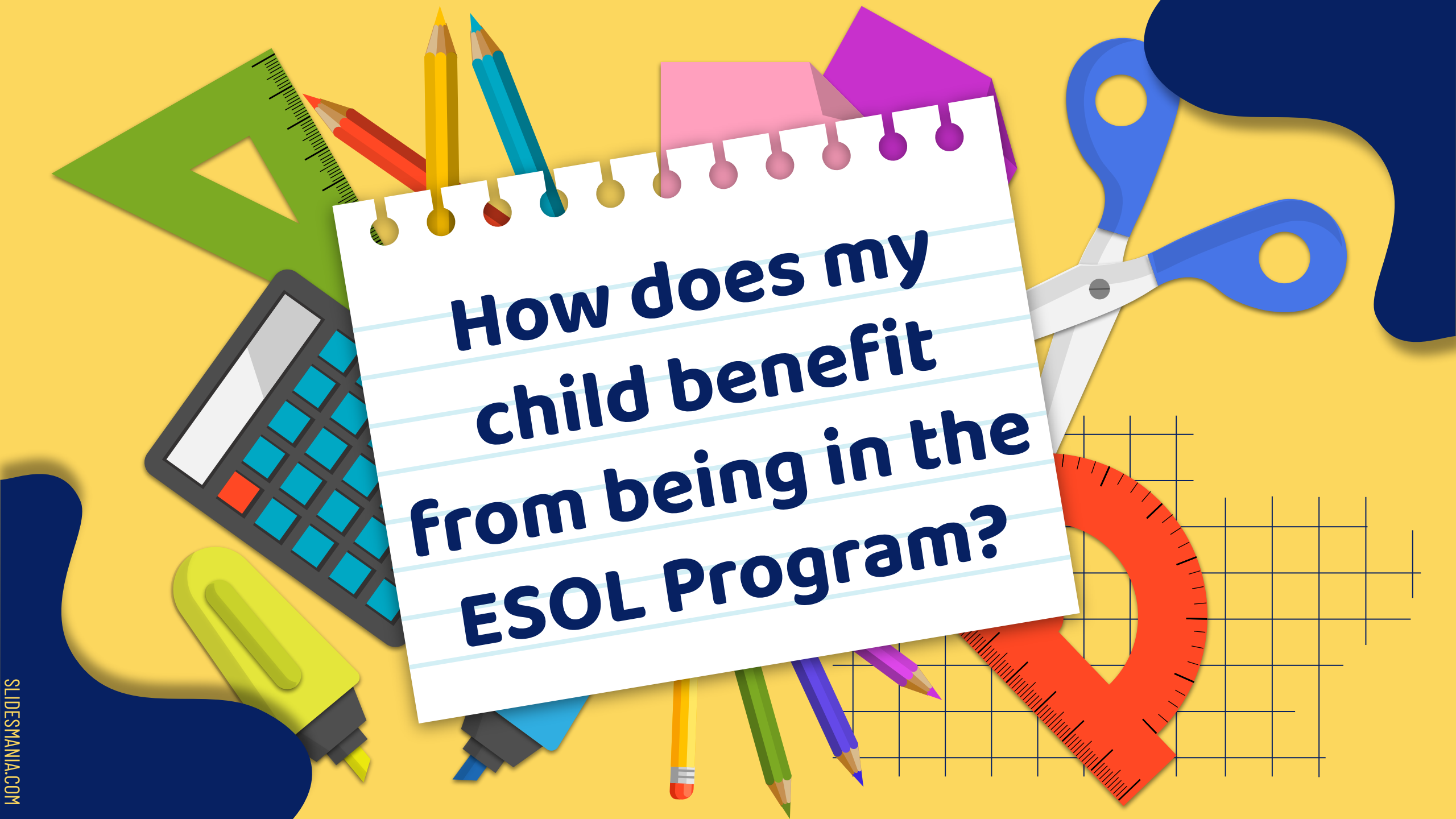
Social Language

Takes 6 months to 2 years to develop

Academic Language

The language of the content areas (math, science, social studies, language arts)

Takes 5 - 7 years to develop

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**How does my
child benefit
from being in the
ESOL Program?**

Benefits Your Child Receives in ESOL

One-on-one,
pair, or
small group
attention



Another teacher
looking out for your
child and monitoring
their progress



Targeted lessons
in the skills your
student needs to
develop




ESOL Services 2 Ways:

Supporting
students
inside the
classroom



Small groups
outside of the
classroom





**English
Language
Proficiency
Testing**

English Language Testing: **WIDA**

English Proficiency is measured each year using the WIDA test in Virginia.

Students are given a score on a scale of 1 to 6.

Students must achieve a score of **4.4** to exit out of ESOL services.



WIDA

Students will take the WIDA in the winter and you will be informed of their score in the following areas:

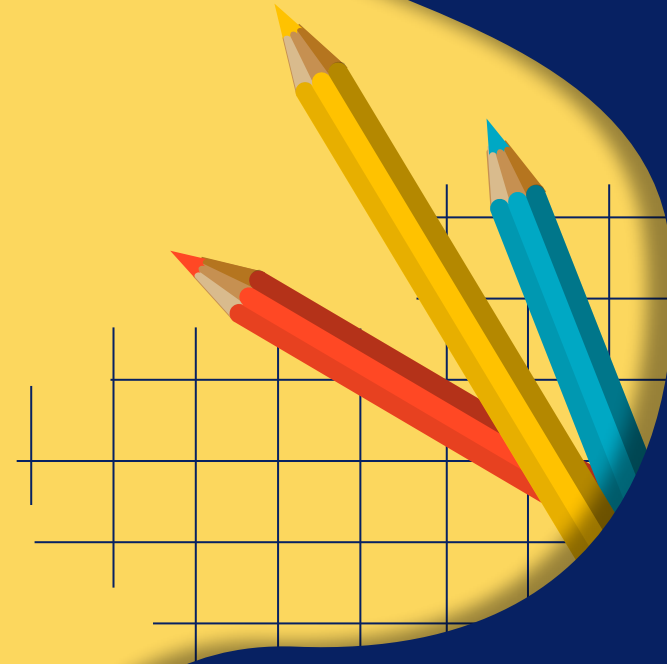
Reading 

Writing 

Speaking 

Listening 

Overall English Proficiency Level





School Expectations

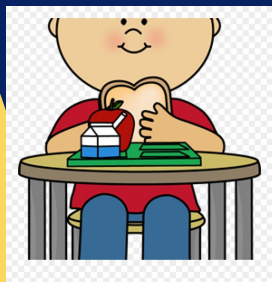
School Expectations

Attendance



Students are expected to come to school each day. This is very important for their learning.

Lunch



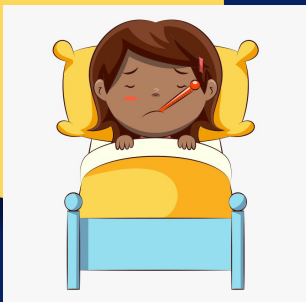
The cafeteria does not serve any pork products. This school year, all students get free breakfast and lunch every day.

Thursday Folders & Forms



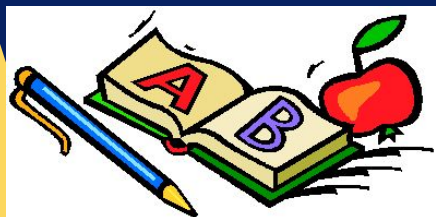
Every Thursday, a Forestdale folder comes home. Please check this every week and send back any important forms with your student to school the next day.

School Expectations



Sick Kids

Especially with COVID, please keep your child at home if they are not feeling well.




Academic Expectations in Kindergarten

Alphabet (letters & sounds), counting, sight words, reading books, writing their name, making patterns, recognizing patterns

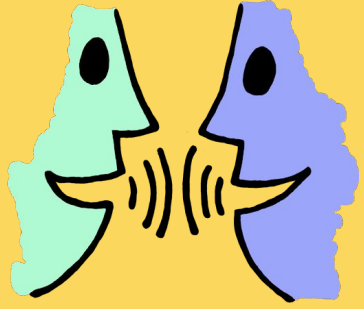


Talking Points

Please make sure you are signed up with your child's teacher to receive Talking Points messages. This is the best and easiest way to communicate with teachers.

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**What can
parents do?**



What can parents do?

- Say rhymes, chants and sing songs!
- Visit the public library - sign out a card!
- Talk about things that are happening at home and in the community (at the grocery store, dinner table, park, etc.)
- Read books aloud in home language or in English



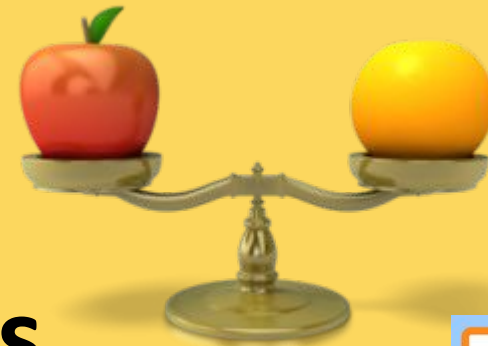
What can parents do?

- Develop speaking skills by **telling stories in your home language.**
- **Tell stories through pictures.** Read wordless picture books. Draw your own stories.
 - Ask: What will happen next? What happened first, next, finally, etc.?
 - Make predictions
 - Talk about what caused something to happen



What can parents do?

- **Compare stories/books**
 - Ask: What is the same? What is different?
Explain and describe!
- **Sort things at home into groups**
 - Ask: Why did you sort items into those groups? Explain with details!





**What questions do
you have?**

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