

## **Title III and ESOL Programs**

The goal of Spartanburg District Four's English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program is to provide equal educational opportunities to students who have a primary or home language other than English and who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) or Non-English Proficient (NEP). The primary focus is to provide an English-rich environment so students will become proficient in English as soon as possible. This program will provide each non-English or limited English speaking child the opportunity to obtain proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing for the academic content areas.

Spartanburg District Four monitors the progress of English Learners (ELs) on standardized assessments and the WIDA ACCESS assessment designed for ELs. The district receives Title III funding through the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This additional funding provides professional development for the ESOL teacher, administrators, literacy coaches, and mainstream teachers. The funding also provides extended day and extended year programs for ELs and their families.

District Four currently serves many students in the ESOL program and monitors the progress of additional students who have met proficiency levels. Angie Gilbert is the district ESOL teacher. Parents are encouraged to contact her with questions about ESOL services. She may be reached at 864-476-3174 or [agilbert@spartanburg4.org](mailto:agilbert@spartanburg4.org).