

What is it like to be an ESOL teacher?

- Work with students from all over the world, who come from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds.
- Work with students who were born in the U.S. and whose families may or may not speak English.
- While a mainstream classroom mainly consists of students of the same age, an ESOL teacher may work with a few grade levels at a time.
- In one classroom, there are likely learners who speak different primary languages.
- Whether you are an ESOL teacher who works in one school with a lot of English learners or the only ESOL teacher in the district servicing a handful of students across the district, your primary role is to identify who qualifies and needs English language services, and then teach those students English.
- Collaborate with general education teachers to ensure learners are successful at meeting academic standards
- Lead professional development for general education teachers