

WHAT DOES AN ENL TEACHER DO?



Yes, surprisingly this question is still asked by many people every fall!

-Many think that ENL is a *support service*, but ENL is not an intervention. It is an integral part of high quality Tier 1 Instruction. They administer state exams (NYSESLAT), and many are dually certified in ENL and ELA or pursuing other certifications.

Teaching Roles RBERN ENLToolkit explains them well here

-ENL is a stand-alone language development program. See link for more

The ENL teacher has many roles in school including:

1. English Language Development (Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking)

Small group instruction/cooperative learning

Use of bilingual picture dictionaries/glossaries many visuals and:

Scaffolding: sentence stems & starters, graphic organizers Differentiation

Linguistics ENL Printables

Academic Language Vocabulary Strategies

Word Walls with Graphics & Anchor Charts

Language Objectives are posted for students to see

Integrate Literacy with Content Free Resources

Culturally Responsive Teaching methods Multicultural Books

2. Provide Meaningful Access to Grade Level Learning (Ex. Scaffolding, Language Objectives, Activating Background Knowledge, Comprehensible Input, Can-Do Descriptors) Does not act as an Interpreter. Suggests content area strategies.

3. Capacity Building: Advocating and sharing expertise with colleagues, parents and the local community through Co-teaching, Best Practices, involvement in teacher groups, sharing ENL Websites & Toolkits, articles, posting where appropriate & presenting at staff meetings and teacher workshops. Vital ENL Contacts

4. Provides Answers to Common ENL Questions