

**Through the ESL Consortium, LEAs, nonpublic schools, charter schools and distance learning schools will be provided the following services:**

- Assistance with Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), state, and federal policies/laws in regard to English as a Second Language (ESL) compliance and Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Professional development for administrators, teachers, teacher aides, and support staff, customized to their job duties.
- Assistance through consultations (telephone, electronically, or in-person) as requested by the school, on ESL issues.
- Assistance with information on registration of English Learners (ELs)/Home Language Survey.
- Administering the World Class Instruction Design and Assessment (WIDA) ACCESS Screener Tests and the annual WIDA ACCESS assessments.
- Assessment of ELs when requested (*Please note, this is the only direct service to ELs*).
- Assist with PA ESL Standards and Standards Aligned System (SAS) for English Language Development (ELD) lesson planning.
- Accommodations in the content areas/utilization of WIDA Can-Do documents and PDE/WIDA ESL Standards.
- Finding interpretation/translation sources, including how to use the new PDE website for that purpose <https://www.eldportalpa.org>; we no longer are permitted to use Transact.
- Assistance with helping educators apply the ESL accommodations for the PSSA and Keystone exams.
- Assistance with Title I audit for ESL, Title III audit for ESL, or PDE monitoring of the school's ESL program.
- Assistance to ESL teachers and content teachers with ESL students with lesson planning, accommodations, etc.
- Assistance with ELs who are also identified as Special Needs or 504 students.
- Instruction, development and implementation of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) graduate level ESL Program courses for certification through PDE as an ESL Program Specialist. All ESL Consortium Members may choose to send one participant for the 2025-2026 school year at no cost. Courses are synchronous with Zoom in the evening due to the ongoing severe shortage of substitute teachers for release of educators to attend during the day.
- A participant may enter a second school year to complete required courses as long as the school is a member of the ESL Consortium for the next school year.
- Coordinate and conduct ESL List Serve Network (email), including PDE Memos on ESL.
- Assistance with the annual Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) Survey Report.
- Assistance with the PDE Exiting/Reclassification of ELs document as required by PDE.
- Assistance with Monitoring of Exited/Reclassified EL students as required by PDE.
- Assistance with implementation of the school's ESL Program.

**The schools entering the Consortium agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the following Agreement:**

Total costs for services (e.g., salaries, benefits, travel) will be \$5,000 for the school year.

Entering into this Consortium Agreement represents a binding, one-year contract commitment to share in the total program costs for the school year 2025-2026 (July 1 to June 30) with other Consortium members.

Schools may join the Consortium at any time during a school year, but will be charged the full year's amount for participation (i.e., July 1-June 30).



**Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 ESL  
Consortium 2025-2026 School Year**

**COMMITMENT**

Please select the most appropriate school entity below.

The \_\_\_\_\_ School District

The \_\_\_\_\_ Charter School

The \_\_\_\_\_ Distance Learning School

The \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Public School

agrees to the terms of this ESL Consortium Agreement and hereby indicates its intention to participate in the one-year commitment during the 2025-2026 school year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chief School Executive or School Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

***Please sign and make a copy for your records. You may send through postal mail or as an email attachment.***

**Return the signed original to:**

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