

# CRESSKILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## Notification of ESL Program Placement

\_\_\_\_\_ **Initial Placement** \_\_\_\_\_ **Continuing Placement**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian:

Based on your child's English proficiency test scores, level of academic achievement, and teacher recommendation, we are pleased to inform you that your child will receive instruction in our district's English as a Second Language (ESL) program. The goal of the district's high-intensity ESL program is to help your child learn English and meet age-appropriate academic standards. Although you may request to have your child removed from the ESL program, students normally participate for a period of 2-4 years. Multiple criteria are used in making determinations regarding when a student no longer needs program services. These criteria include ACCESS for ELL scores, content-area achievement, standardized test scores, content/grade-level teacher recommendation and ESL teacher recommendation. After exiting an ESL program, students are monitored academically for two years. If your child has an Individualized Education Program (IEP), improvement in his/her ability to speak, read, and write in English will help meet the objectives of their IEP.

English proficiency measured using the following test: WIDA Model

Level of English Proficiency: \_\_\_\_\_ (based on WIDA scale of 1-6)

Program Description: \_\_\_\_\_ minutes per day of English Language instruction and support.

In order to request additional information regarding ESL services or to decline program services, please contact your child's ESL teacher.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
ESL teacher  
jacosta@cboek12.org / lbakelaar@cboek12.org email  
\_\_\_\_\_201-569-1191, ext 2437 phone number

Cc: Melissa Cavins, ESL Program Supervisor

*The Cresskill Schools will utilize the core curriculum content standards to promote academic excellence and foster self-esteem in a dynamic, caring environment and will prepare students to be life-long learners and contributors in an evolving and ever-changing world.*