

## **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**

The division will provide an educational program for students dominant in a language other than English which will encourage them to become proficient in the use of the English language. Students will be allowed to enroll in English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for credit.

Credit may be granted for particular English or foreign language courses to students who are enrolled in the full-time ESL program.

School boards may accept and provide programs for students for when English is a second language who entered school in Virginia for the first time after reaching their 12th birthday, and who have not reached age 22 on or before August 1 of the school year. No tuition shall be charged such students, if state funding is provided for such programs; provided however, that no state funds may be used to provide this program for any individual who has reached his/her 18th birthday and who does not provide documentation of U.S. citizenship or legal presence in the U.S.

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