

ESL Websites

1. <http://community.learnnc.org/dpi/esl> This is the NC Department of Public Instruction's ESL website. It is a great website for accessing information regarding the laws, the ESL Standard Course of Study, ESL Certification and a listserve for classroom teachers. There are numerous ESL links.
2. <http://www.ncele.gwu.edu> This is the National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition & Language Instruction Educational Programs. Its mission is to respond to Title III educational needs and implement NCLB as it applies to English language learners. Anyone who works with English language learners in any capacity will love this site! It is one of the most comprehensive sites for classroom teachers. Teachers can go to "In the Classroom" and find complete lesson plans and classroom activities for all subjects and grade levels. There are many examples of methodologies found to be successful for teaching non-English speakers. This site also contains a resource collection of over 21,000 documents related to ESL.
3. www.helpforschools.com This is a great site for understanding the laws pertaining to English language learners. Teachers can also find descriptors for English language learners and Mexico/USA school comparisons. Great suggestions for parent involvement and NCLB documents in Spanish.
4. www.learnnc.org Search ESL. It is amazing all the different sites available on this one website. Molnomah County Library's LIBROS site is excellent.
5. <http://www.pdictionary.com/> A great website that has numerous activities for students using a picture dictionary. Remember, students involved in NCCLAS MAY use their dictionaries during assessments! Have your students make their own!
6. www.escort.org Escort is a national resource center dedicated to improving the educational opportunities for migrant students. Each elementary school has a copy of Help! They Don't Speak English. Each middle and high school has a copy of The Help! Kit. These should be housed in the professional library. However, you can order your OWN copy free of charge by either emailing or calling 1.800.451.8058. Although your students may not be migrant, they are English language learners. This is a fabulous resource and has some great alternate assessments.
7. www.readingrockets.org is especially good for K-2 teachers and first year teachers.
8. www.starfall.com The website has audio and activities for matching letters to word endings. Students can choose stories and have them read aloud to them. Suitable for elementary and middle school.
9. www.abcteach.com This website has a membership, but also many free links. There are many thematic units with reproducibles. There are also reproducible flashcards for numbers, letters, etc. Suitable for elementary and middle school.