

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS – English as a Second Language

(NOTE: Copies of all outlines of courses of study are available in the school office for parental perusal. Curriculum documents can be accessed on the Ministry of Education website.)

English as a Second Language Courses

All ESL courses (levels) are available to students in Grade 9-11 and may also be available to students in Grade 12 depending on scheduling. All required workbooks and textbooks for ESL courses are provided by the school. Students must have a minimum competency of ESLCO in order to be considered for admission to NTCS.

ESLCO – English as a Second Language (ESL Level 3)

This course further extends students' skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in English for a variety of everyday and academic purposes. Students will make short classroom oral presentations; read a variety of adapted and original texts in English; and write using a variety of text forms. As well, students will expand their academic vocabulary and their study skills to facilitate their transition to the mainstream school program. This course also introduces students to the rights and responsibilities inherent in Canadian citizenship, and to a variety of current Canadian issues.

Pre-requisite: None

ESLDO – English as a Second Language (ESL Level 4)

This course prepares students to use English with increasing fluency and accuracy in classroom and social situations and to participate in Canadian society as informed citizens. Students will develop the oral-presentation, reading, and writing skills required for success in all school subjects. They will extend listening and speaking skills through participation in discussions and seminars; study and interpret a variety of grade-level texts; write narratives, articles, and summaries in English; and respond critically to a variety of print and media texts.

Pre-requisite: None

ESLEO – English as a Second Language (ESL Level 5)

This course provides students with the skills and strategies they need to make the transition to college and university preparation courses in English and other secondary school disciplines. Students will be encouraged to develop independence in a range of academic tasks. They will participate in debates and lead classroom workshops; read and interpret literary works and academic texts; write essays, narratives, and reports; and apply a range of learning strategies and research skills effectively. Students will further develop their ability to respond critically to print and media texts.

Pre-requisite: None