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## ROCKAWAY BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TEL: 973-625-8603 FAX: 973-625-7355

2015-2016

Dear Parents:

The Rockaway Borough English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher administers the WIDA MODEL Test of English language proficiency to limited English proficient students when they enter the district in order to assess their skills in the English language. Those students whose assessment scores are below state standards are provided with additional instruction in English.

A recommendation was made for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the 2015-2016 ESL program. Level of English proficiency: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. Academic grade \_\_\_\_\_.

ESL instruction is provided in the following way:

**Push-in:** The ESL teacher goes in the classroom to deliver ESL lessons and assist the student.

**Small group pullout:** The ESL teacher plans to meet student's needs through small group lessons outside of the regular classroom.

Students will be assessed at the end of each school year using the ACCESS for ELLs test to determine their level of English proficiency and to determine whether ESL instruction is necessary for the following school year. Students usually remain in the ESL program for at least two-three years depending on how rapidly they acquire English and the skills needed to participate in the classroom in all content areas. The Rockaway Borough School District uses multiple criteria to determine if a student is eligible for ESL services: reading level, previous academic performance, achievement on standardized tests in English, and teacher judgment.

Please sign the attached form to acknowledge receipt of this letter and return it to the office of the school your child attends. If you have any questions concerning the program, you may contact me at Thomas Jefferson School (625-8603).

Sincerely,

Jerelyn Hurley  
ESL teacher

Rockaway Borough Public Schools  
103 East Main Street  
Rockaway, NJ 07866

ESL Teacher – Mrs. Jerelyn Hurley

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ROCKAWAY BOROUGH ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

2015-2016

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Our district provides an English language program for students who need instruction in English as a Second Language (ESL). Based on our assessment of your child's English language skills, it has been determined that he/she is eligible for ESL.

The ESL program offers a curriculum designed to teach students listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills necessary for success in school.

You, as a parent or guardian, have the right to decline these services being offered to your child. Participation in this program will help your child succeed in school. It must be understood that your child's academic progress may be limited should you decide against participation in this program.

If you do not wish your child to participate in this program, please contact me, Jerelyn Hurley by \_\_\_\_\_.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

I have received the letter informing me of my child's participation in the ESL program.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_