The DoDEA community encompasses a diverse population; therefore, a program has been designed to increase English language proficiency for students who have a second language influence. DoDEA's English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program supports over 7,000 students in elementary, middle, and high schools.

The mission of ESOL services is to create a learning environment that encourages assimilation into the second language and culture while maintaining respect for and pride in their cultural and linguistic heritage.

The vision of the ESOL program is to deliver comprehensive instruction so that English Language Learners (ELLs) can attain the goals and outcomes as set forth in the DoDEA Blueprint. Programs for ELL reflect DoDEA's core values in the belief that students are at the heart of all we do; each student can realize his or her fullest potential; educating the whole child fosters academic, social and emotional well-being; learning environments are student-centered, stimulating and relevant; high-performing educators and leaders make a difference in student success; engaging partnerships enrich the lives of our students; and our diversity inspires excellence and innovation.

The DoDEA ESOL Program Guide: Planning for English Language Learner Success, "authorizes the administrative procedures and associated information for DoDEA's ESOL program as required by DoDEA Regulation 2440.1 - English as a Second Language Programs."