# POCONO MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Adult ESL Program** 

Making English accessible for the parents of our students.



"Everyone has something to communicate"

### Adult ESL

Pocono Mountain's Adult ESL program creates a welcoming environment where all the non-English speaking parents may come to learn and practice the English language.

Language instruction focuses on listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Vocabulary and themes focus on employment and life situations.

The instructors are district teachers, certified in ESL instruction, and specialize in the unique needs of language learners.



### What is Adult ESL?

The Adult ESL program was established in 2006. Parents requested help learning English and support for understanding the topics of the citizenship test. Further, students sought help for their non-English parents. They wanted their parents to become more involved at school and in the community without a language barrier.

The program was presented to the board of education who supported and recognized the need of English instruction beyond the classroom.

The Adult ESL program was given the "Excellence in Education" award in 2008 by the CIU20.

#### Where does the language support come from?

Many of our ESL teachers speak more than one language. Spanish is the most popular second language spoken within the district. We have instructors that support the Spanish-English transition.

For languages not spoken by our teachers, we have volunteers who help. Many of the volunteers are students. Also, the fellow attendees help one another. What a great way to get to know your neighbor!

#### What if I miss a week?

No problem. We understand that everyone has a busy schedule. We hope you can make each class, but we understand that other events occur.



## **Program Notes:**

- Open to any parent, guardian, or employee of the Pocono Mountain School District.
- Instructors are ESL Certified Teachers
- Materials are Provided
- Program meets once a week. (Classes do not meet when school is cancelled.)
- Activities available for school-aged children
- No English, limited English, semi-fluent English? All levels are welcome!



If you have any questions or would like more information contact:



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