Mission Statement

The mission of the Youngstown City Schools' English Learner Program is to promote student achievement by providing leadership and resources for the development of an appropriate curriculum that will allow English Learners (EL's) to acquire proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing, thus allowing them to successfully function both socially and academically.

Attendance Notice:

It is highly recommended to attend Zoom meetings for English Learners with our EL program staff.

We encourage all English learners to take advantage of the additional learning opportunities and sessions that we offer through Zoom.

Contact your building's TESOL teacher for more information!

Food Distribution information Update:

YCSD meal distribution moves to Wednesdays, increases number of meals

Beginning October 7, 2020, the Youngstown City School District's weekly food distribution will include seven days of breakfasts and lunches and move to Wednesdays.

Wednesday is reserved for scholar independent work and educator office hours so moving meal distribution to that day allows parents to pick up the meals without disrupting their scholars' school work.

Also beginning this week, YCSD will give out seven breakfasts and seven lunches per scholar, an increase from five of each meal, per scholar each week. The time also shifts to 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. to better accommodate parents’ work schedules. There is a limit of five packs of meals per car. If a family includes more than five scholars, they must get approval from the school office to pick up more than five packs of meals.

The weekly distribution will be at East and Chaney high schools and Martin Luther King, Volney Rogers, Harding, Wilson, Williamson and Paul C. Bunn elementary schools.

Meal distribution is open to all scholars ages 1 to 18 regardless of where they attend school. YCSD is an equal opportunity provider.

Have any questions? Contact us!

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Visit the YCSD English Learner Program at: www.ycsd.org
New this year at YCSD!
Our YCSD English Learner scholars will experience the National Geographic Look ESL Learning Series this school year. We are excited about learning together!

For more information about the Look Curriculum we are using for English Learners, contact your child’s TESOL teacher.

We are excited to introduce to you this school year’s new TESOL Teachers!

**Tiffany Jones, TESOL**  
McGuffey Elementary School

**Laura Stewart-Marek, TESOL**  
Chaney High School

**Leah Stauffer, TESOL**  
East High School & YREC

**Kelsey Yeakle, TESOL**  
Wilson Elementary School

Daily Life and Coping with our “New” Norm (COVID-19)

We understand how stressful this current worldwide pandemic can be for everyone. We would like to provide you with resources that may be helpful to you and your family. Stay safe and may you and your family stay healthy!


If you or someone you know feel overwhelmed with emotions of sadness, anxiety, depression or feeling like you want to harm yourself or others, seek help immediately by calling the number below:

**DISASTER DISTRESS HOTLINE:**  
1-800-985-5990, or text TalkWithUs to 66746

**NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE:**  
1-800-799-7233
Our Hispanic/Latino YCSD Staff share with you what they LOVE about their ethnicity.

GLORIA DARTY
English Learner Educational Assistant since 2009

“I love Chicken Stew with Rice and Red Beans (Pollo guisado y arroz con habichuelas).”

¡Hola! I was born in San Juan, PR. We came to Ohio in 2007. We came here because of my husband’s job transfer. I started working at YCSD in 2009, and I love serving the EL-scholars at East High School. I am very happy about the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, as we contribute to the expression and growth of the American nation. As a good Puerto Rican raised on the island, I love the (Pollo Guisado y Arroz con Habichuelas) “Chicken Stew and Rice along with Red Beans”. Whenever I cook it in addition to enjoying how delicious it is with my family, I remember when I learned to cook with my Mother and Grandmother. My grandmother raised chickens and she killed, peeled, and cooked it. The seasonings that are used are mainly the homemade “Sofrito”. A mixture of vegetables with the touch of love and the Puerto Rican aroma. The secret ingredient for the chicken stew is some “cooking wine” or “grape juice”. Cooking and serving the family is one of the main ways to show the love we feel for our family. Together at the table with a grateful heart to God for the provision has been an unbreakable custom in our family.

My husband Phil and I pastor Christ Empowered Ministry, Inc. since 2015. You can find us on FB and at www.cemohio.org.

JACOB ORTIZ
English Learner Educational Assistant since 2018

“Barbering gives me the opportunity to travel the world and know other cultures and share mine!”

My passion in life is Barbering, because I always like look good and fresh. Barbering gives me the opportunity to travel the world and know other cultures and share mine as well. You see, it is a huge honor as a worldwide competitor in Barbering to represent my country. Being a leader and team player in Barbering gave me the opportunity in working together we can do things like share ideas, points of view, have an equal voice. We shared a unity which caused our country, Puerto Rico, to win second place from 50 countries in the world, each competing country had a team of 4 or more. It’s like the Olympics of stylists. As a stylist barber, my business was allowing me to share an experience with my clients, I gave them the best treatment possible. I was owner of 2 barber shops, was a barbering instructor, trainer, platform artist, and competitor. When hurricane Maria passed through Puerto Rico, I lost everything - my house and my barber shops, this is why I ended up here in Ohio and in YCSD.
Spanish-Speaking Families

What is Padlet?

We’ve attached helpful tips and school information to this website so that you have easy access in ONE place.

Resources will be continually added to this page and be updated as needed.

Click on the link below!

https://padlet.com/pedroroldan1/z0diinu1mn3o7ker

Upcoming Events

October 9 - (NEOEA Day) No School

October 21 - (District P.D.) No School

November 3 - Election Day!

November 6 - 1st Grade Period Ends

November 23-27 - (Thanksgiving Break) No school

Are you registered to vote?

Visit:

https://vote.mahoningcountyoh.gov/149/Voter-Information

Election Day is Nov. 3

Registration deadlines:

Online: Oct. 5

By mail: Postmarked by Oct. 5

In person: Oct. 5

Absentee ballot deadlines

Request: Oct. 31

Return by mail:

Postmarked by Nov. 2

Return in person:

Nov. 3 by 7:30 p.m.

Early voting

Oct. 6 - Nov. 2, dates and hours may vary based on where you live