



**Department: Programs and Services**  
**Section: Special Education**

The Annapolis Valley Regional School Board believes that ESL tutorial support must be available to students for whom English is not their first language and who require assistance in achieving English language fluency. The Board will provide support that will enable students to work toward achieving the outcomes as set forth by the Nova Scotia Department of Education.

Therefore, ESL tutorial support will be considered on an individual case basis to students for whom English is not their first language and who require support in order to achieve English language fluency.

**Specifically:**

- Factors that must be considered when applying for ESL support:
  - the student must be considered as a student for funding purposes as defined by the Regional Education Officer
  - the student's strength, proficiency and literacy in the student's first language
  - the level of prior exposure to English
  - the age of the student
  - previous school experience
  - the student's cultural and emotional context
  - student attitude, experience and knowledge
  - student's ability to engage in the curriculum
  - parental participation
- Services will be limited to six weeks from implementation at which time the need for continuation of services will be reviewed by the principal. Approval for continuation must be granted by the Coordinator of Student Services.
- All ESL Tutorial Services will be terminated at the end of the school year.

**Monitoring:**

- The Director of Programs and Services will be responsible for the implementation, monitoring and revision of the policy.
- The policy shall be reviewed annually.

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**Monitoring Date:** Annually

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