

Parkway-Rockwood Adult Education English as a Second Language (ESL) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How do I enroll in English classes?

- You may sign up using our virtual registration form. After your form is submitted, we will contact you to set up an appointment for placement testing.

Do I have to live in Parkway or Rockwood School Districts to enroll?

- No, but you must be a resident of the state of Missouri to enroll in our classes.

How much do ESL classes cost?

- Our classes are FREE!

Who can sign up?

- You must be 17 years of age or older to register.

When are classes offered?

- Our fall semester begins in August each year. After the winter holidays, the second semester begins in January. We also have a shorter summer semester in July and August.

Can I enroll after the semester has begun?

- Yes! We understand that people move into our area at all times of the year. We have open enrollment throughout the year.

What days and times are classes offered?

- Classes are offered Monday through Thursday from 9am to 12pm and from 1pm to 4pm. We also offer classes Monday through Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 9pm. .

Do you provide childcare?

- Our facilities aren't set up for children. Students must provide their own childcare.

How do I know which class to sign up for?

- After you register, you will be asked to set up an appointment for placement testing. We will test you in Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking. We will then place you in a class based on the results of your tests with other students who performed similarly on their tests.

What if I'm placed in a class and it's too difficult for me?

- Many students feel this way in their first weeks of a new class. We ask that you give a new class a week or so before you judge the class too difficult. Our testing methods give us an accurate idea of which class you belong in. Sometimes it's just a matter of getting comfortable with the teacher. If after that time, you still feel the class is too difficult, you can speak to your teacher or the office about changing your placement.

Do I need to buy books?

- No, we provide books for use in class. You may not take the books home with you because we use those books for several classes throughout the day. If you would like to purchase books, your teacher will give you recommendations.

My schedule sometimes changes. What if I have to miss class? Do I have to go to class every day?

- For the best results, we recommend that you attend class every day but we understand that isn't always possible for working adults. If your schedule changes and you are missing class frequently, we also offer classes at other times. You should speak to the office about changing your schedule.

I'm interested in going to college. Will these classes prepare me for taking the TOEFL?

- For students who are interested in attending college, we do have a separate TOEFL class. This class is only for students who are planning to take the TOEFL. This class is not just a high level class. It is designed to get students ready to take the TOEFL. We have other high level classes available for students interested in refining their language skills.

I work during the day. Are there any night classes?

- Yes, we offer night classes for all levels of ESL instruction.

I work during the week. Do you have weekend classes?

- No, we do not have classes on Saturday or Sunday. We only offer classes Monday through Thursday.

Do I need to be a citizen to sign up?

- No, we welcome all students. Whether you are here for a few months as a visitor, a resident, or already a citizen, if you want to improve your English, we are here to help you reach that goal.

Do you offer in-person classes?

- We have in-person classes mornings, afternoons, and evenings.

Do you offer virtual classes?

- Currently, we are offering a small number of virtual classes. Our virtual classes are limited to students who test at the high intermediate level and above.

Do you have classes for pronunciation?

- Pronunciation is an important part of our English instruction. We combine that with instruction in Reading, Writing, Listening, and all other areas of Speaking. This includes conversational English as well as phonics.

Do I need to have a computer?

- For our virtual classes, you will need a computer or tablet. Computers are not required for our in-person classes.

Can I take these classes to fulfill my student visa requirements?

- No, our program is not certified by the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) to fulfill F1 student visa requirements.

Will I receive a certificate of completion when I finish my class?

- Yes, if you complete a specified number of hours, your teacher can give you a certificate of completion.

Do you have citizenship classes?

- Yes, we have a class designed to help students prepare for all aspects of the citizenship process.