



Terms:

- ☐ **ELL:** English Language Learner
- ☐ **ESL:** English as a Second Language - a support program for English Language Learners (ELLs).
- ☐ **ELD:** English Literacy Development - A support program for English Language Learners who have a significant gap in their education.
- ☐ **Refugee:** a person because of war, revolution, political upheaval, etc. has had to flee their homeland and unable to return.
- ☐ **Immigrant:** a person who leaves their homeland to settle in a new country by choice
- ☐ **Newcomer:** a person that is new to the country

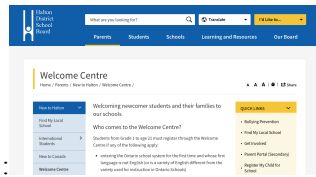
A Research Snapshot of ELLs

Many are newcomers from other countries, but most ELLs are Canadian born, often first generation children of immigrants

Many who begin learning English before adolescence acquire everyday language skills within a year or two, but most take five or more years to catch up with peers

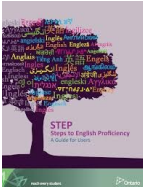
Many Canadian born ELLs take at least as long as newcomers to acquire academic English

Welcome Centre (click picture to access website)



Steps to English Proficiency (STEP)

Ontario schools use Steps to English Proficiency (STEP), “a framework for assessing and monitoring the language acquisition and literacy development of English language learners across The Ontario Curriculum” (p. 4, *STEP, A Guide for Users*). This assessment helps teachers determine what, if any, supports can assist the child’s literacy development. (click picture to access document)



Benefits of Bilingualism Video (click picture to access link)