

International Student Intake

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The Student Advisors and staff facilitate registration (grades 6-12) for international students new to Cobb County by:

- Assessing English and native language skills
- Screening students for ESOL or IEL services
- Creating a student profile that includes personal data, language background and educational history
- Evaluating academic records from the student's home or previous country
- Advising students on course selection and graduation requirements
- Maintaining records for all Cobb County ESOL students (K-12) in compliance with state and federal requirements

ESOL

International students may be screened for ESOL services. The English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and the Intensive English Language Programs (IEL) are designed to provide special language instruction to students whose first language is not English, and who, through testing, have been identified as eligible for English language services (ESOL). Cobb County is committed to providing the highest quality instruction to benefit all students.

International Welcome Center (Main)

50 Veterans Memorial Highway
Mableton, GA 30126

Serving areas 1, 2, 6

Located at Lindley Middle School 7th & 8th Grades
Tel: 770-819-2370 (Translation//Interpretation)
770-819-2383 (Student Intake)
Fax: 770-819-2373

Directions from Marietta:
Take I-75 South; then, take I-285 South-West.
Take Exit 12 and turn RIGHT on Hwy 78 (West).
Drive approximately 4 miles.
Lindley Middle School will be on your right.

Directions from Smyrna:
Take East-West Connector (West).
Turn LEFT on Floyd Rd. then, turn LEFT on Hwy 78.
Drive approximately 1.5 miles.
Lindley Middle School will be on your left.

International Welcome Center (East)

380 Holt Road
Marietta, GA 30068
Serving areas 3, 4 & 5
Located at East Cobb Middle School

Tel: 770-973-2955
Fax: 770-971-1965

Directions from Kennesaw:
Take 75 South, towards Marietta.
Turn LEFT onto N Marietta Pkwy NE/GA-120 Loop E.
Take the GA-120 ramp toward Roswell/Marietta, and turn LEFT onto Roswell Rd NE.
Turn RIGHT onto Robinson Rd NE.
Turn RIGHT onto Holt Rd NE. IWC East will be on your left.



INTERNATIONAL WELCOME CENTER



Hours
Monday ~ Friday
8 a.m. ~ 4 p.m.

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www.cobbk12.org/esol/esol/iwc.htm

Mission

Facilitate communication between the international community and local schools

Objectives

- Facilitate school/home communication
- Promote international parental involvement at every school
- Improve literacy and academic achievement through parental involvement in the student's education
- Encourage parental leadership in the school and community
- Facilitate family self-sufficiency
- Promote the understanding of cultural diversity
- Promote professional learning opportunities and ESOL Endorsement
- Facilitate the following programs:
 - _ Studies abroad (Brazil, Korea, Mexico)
 - _ Master of Salamanca (Spain/Cobb County School District satellite)
 - _ Portuguese Language Immersion, Middlebury College

Key Personnel

IWC Main

IWC Coordinator - Dr. Lucia C. Ribeiro

Programs Specialist - Robert Robinson

Bilingual Secretary - Erika Martinez

Student Advisor - Larry Hoover

Evaluation Specialist - Carol Fussell

Bilingual IWC Clerk - Ana Vela

Parent Involvement - Filomena Coutinho

Migrant Advocate - Anna Maribona

IWC East

Student Advisor - Dr. Gregory Barfield

Evaluation Specialist - Deborah Boyette

Services

Facilitators manage a network of support services and activities in several languages specific to the needs of families requesting information about their schools.

Services Provided:

- Interpretation & translation in multiple languages district-wide
- Online Document Library - TransAct
- Orientation on school information for families
- Resources and ideas for international parental involvement
- Cultural diversity workshops
- Multilingual workshops on various topics of interest to schools, parents and community stakeholders



Translation/Interpretation

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Translators/Interpreters are available in the following languages:

Spanish, Portuguese, Korean, French, Haitian Creole, Russian, Chinese, Vietnamese, Ukrainian, Japanese, and others as requested.

Parent Involvement

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The IWC is a service designed to facilitate home-school communication in several languages and to promote parental involvement in local schools.

The IWC addresses the following barriers to effective communication and collaboration:

- Language and literacy
- Cultural differences
- Working knowledge of the American educational system
- Time constraints due to employment and family obligations

Migrant Services

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The Migrant Education Program, part of Title I Part C, provides supplemental educational and support services to eligible migrant children:

- Instruction designed to meet the specific needs of migrant children
- Adolescent outreach and career awareness
- ESOL tutoring
- Coordination of outreach and community services to families

Plaza Comunitaria

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Plaza Comunitaria is a program developed by the government of Mexico to provide individuals from Mexico and other Spanish-speaking countries who are living abroad the opportunity to begin, continue, or improve their education in Spanish.