

**Federal Programs: Title III**  
**Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and**  
**Immigrant Students**

Title III is the portion of No Child Left Behind that serves English as a Second Language Students. Through Title III, students who have a primary language other than English receive instruction in English in a specialized setting. Tennessee has more than 35 language groups who come from more than 50 countries. For these students, English is not the first language they learned to speak. However, for many of these students, English is the first language in which they have learned to read and write. ESL classes vary from district to district and from school to school. The purpose of the Title III office in the State of Tennessee is to offer support and guidance in meeting federal and state guidelines set forth to educate this important subgroup in Tennessee schools.