

## Helpful Acronyms for ESL

CALL	Computer-Assisted Language Learning
ELA	English Language Acquisition – This is the term WIOA uses for services to English language learners. In Illinois the term ESL is more commonly used.
ELL	English Language Learner – Someone with a native language other than English who is in the process of learning English.
ESL	English as a Second Language
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages – Synonymous with the term “ESL”
TESOL	Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages – The international association for ESL teachers
ITBE	Illinois TESOL-Bilingual Education – The Illinois affiliate of TESOL
NRS	National Reporting System – The system used at the federal level to collect data on adult learners’ test scores and other achievement markers. All states receiving federal funding for adult education report state data to the NRS.
EFL	Educational Functioning Level – The NRS has divided ESL into six EFLs, described by test score ranges and language competencies.
ICCB	Illinois Community College Board – The government office in Illinois that funds adult education programs.
OCTAE	Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education – A division within the U.S. Department of Education that provides federal funding for adult education.