### Our Mission and Vision Statement

**Mission**: We will empower students and families through challenging academics and language learning to help them become independent, lifelong learners.

Vision: We will prepare students with the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in US high schools and American society while honoring their own cultural heritage.

Purpose: The English Learner
Newcomer Program offers small class
sizes with dually certified EL teachers
and a part-time graduation coach that
work to create a nurturing environment
where students will have the
opportunity to learn English, become
familiar with the technology used in
classrooms, earn credits toward
graduation, prepare to enter a
mainstream high school, adjust to
American culture, and make lifelong
friendships.

As with most traditional high school curricula in North Carolina, the students attend classes in four subject areas: English, Math, World History, and Science. We also offer Physical Education and Spanish as electives.



For more information, call the ESL Registration Center 919-560-2559 2107 Hillandale Rd Durham, NC 27705







# Durham Public Schools English Learner Newcomer Program





### The Durham Performance Learning Center

Ms. Futrell, Principal

401 N. Driver St. / Durham, NC 27703 Phone: (919) 560-9190 Fax: (919) 560-2214

### Criteria:

- Recently arrived immigrants and refugees
- 1st year in US schools and aged for High School per NC cutoff dates
- 1st time 9th graders,
- At least 2 years below grade level



## Benefits of this program:

- Help students graduate by offering extended school year opportunities to accrue credits needed towards graduation in NC
- Help students to adjust to the American school system and culture
- Small class size to ensure individualized attention
- Additional time to build literacy and numeracy skills
- ESL electives focused on academic language instruction
- Differentiated content instruction tailored to meet the needs of new language learners
- Ongoing training for staff to meet the needs of the students

### Transportation:

### To the Performance Learning Center

- Parents can drop off their children at school
- Students can take a school bus from the base school (Hillside, Jordan, Southern, Riverside, or Northern) to the Performance Learning Center
- Use the public transport service
- 2B in front of the PLC parking lot. For more information, call (919) 485-RIDE (919) 485-7433
- Students can drive themselves if they have the means

# Going home from the Performance Learning Center

The school will provide transportation from PLC to DSA (Durham School of the Arts) where they will take a second school bus home



### Class Schedule

Learning Schedule Monday-Thursday		
9:00-9:35	Advisory/Phoenix Plus	
9:38- 11:03	1st period	
11:06-12:31	2nd period	
12:31-1:04	Lunch	
1:07-2:32	3rd period	
2:35-4:00	4th period	

Learning Schedule Friday		
9:00-10:30	Session 1	
10:30-12:00	Session 2	
12:00- 12:30	Lunch/Dismissal	

### **Additional Supports:**

**Art Therapy-** a non-invasive approach to helping new arrivals to the US cope with adjusting to their new environment and work through trauma.

**Ready4Life**- A 16-hour program supported by USCRI for high school-aged newcomers focused on communication and life skills appropriate for young adults supporting their families.