



## FY 2016 Recommended Budget Budget Question

**Board Question #: 36**

**BUDGET QUESTIONS:**

Show the cost compared to revenue received for educating ESOL students. How much revenue do we get from Federal and State sources for the ESOL program? Legally, could we choose not to follow Federal Title III requirements? If we don't follow the Federal requirements, is/how is State revenue affected?

**RESPONSE:**

The cost for educating ESOL students as well as revenue from all sources was provided in the response to BOS Question #23. Budgeted FY15 expenditures for ESL/ESOL are \$1,440,563 with \$673,908 coming from the state and \$136,184 coming from federal funds. Local funding pays for the remaining \$630,471.

### FY 15 Budget for ESL/ESOL Program

Funding Source	Program/Grant	Amount	% of Total
State	Lottery	673,908	46.8%
Federal	Title III - Language Acquisition Grant	129,901	9.0%
Federal	Title III - Immigrant & Youth Grant	6,283	0.4%
Local	Local Funding	630,471	43.8%
<b>Total Revenues &amp; Expenditures</b>		<b><u>1,440,563</u></b>	<b><u>100.0%</u></b>

Yes, the division can decide to not follow the requirements to receive federal funding through Title III thereby forfeiting that revenue. And the choice to forego federal Title III funding would not impact the state funds we receive as that revenue is based on enrollment and calculated by application of a per pupil amount.

However, Spotsylvania County is legally required to educate these students – regardless of whether or not we receive Title III funding. The Virginia graduation requirements specify that ESL/ESOL students must pass the SOLs (only provided in the English Language) within the same timeframe as their English-speaking peers. Additionally, LEP subroup is included in Federal accountability. As such, additional resources are needed for students to meet Virginia standards. If we do not receive the federal funding through Title III, even more pressure would be placed on the locality.