

## Hamilton's Efforts

At Hamilton we are ahead of most schools in the country. Since 1978 Hamilton has had an established ESL program. Starting five years ago the ESOL program was started. ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) is not a program where kids go to learn English, but rather a place for students, whose primary language is not English, to completely utilize and comprehend the English language with all its different facets of grammar, and in relation to their other classes.

Barbra Britt-Hysell, a teacher in the ESOL department really stressed that in today's school environment there are more non-english speakers then ever before. She believes that Hamilton is doing a great job in having the ESOL program. She mentioned that because of the economy today many schools have to cut their ESL programs, when these programs are actually essential. Another concern that she made clear was the fact that the national testing is not proving true knowledge of the students who's primary language is not English. The major concern for schools today should be language and communication.

The program at Hamilton attracts over 100 students who come in on a weekly basis. This program addresses the needs for particular students and is extremely helpful. They also produce a radio show and have column in the Spectator, "From where I sit" That provides a great view of Hamilton's Efforts on this issue.



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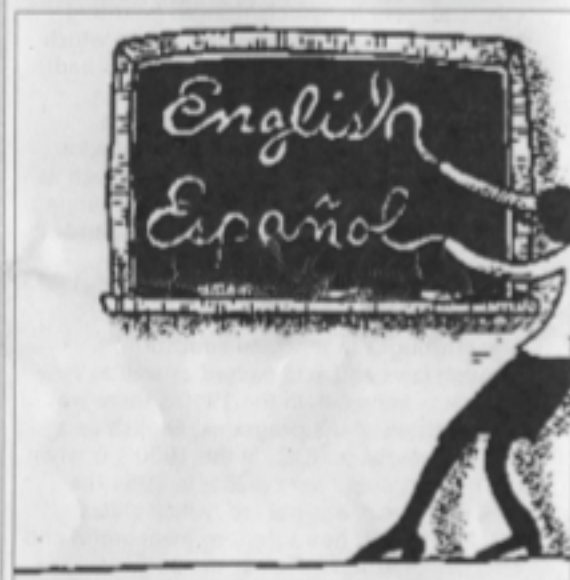
**New York, Texas, Florida,  
Illinois, New Mexico,  
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