

home country, and who may have left their homeland under conditions of extreme urgency;

- 1.3.3 Children who have arrived in Canada with an international or “visa” status and are paying fees to attend school in Ontario. These students often plan to attend a Canadian university.

1.4 ***ELD (English Literacy Development)***

Students who have had limited access to schooling and have significant gaps in their education. They may come from countries, in which English is not spoken, or in which Standard English is the official language, but other varieties of English are in common use. Unlike ESL students, ELD students have not had opportunities to develop age-appropriate literacy skills in their first language.

1.5 ***ESL (English as a Second Language)***

Students who speak a language other than English at home and may have a limited understanding of Standard English. These students are usually proficient users of their own languages but require assistance to learn English, the language of instruction in Ontario Schools. English as a second language (ESL) instruction provides the additional support required.