

## Working with English Language Learners (ELLs)

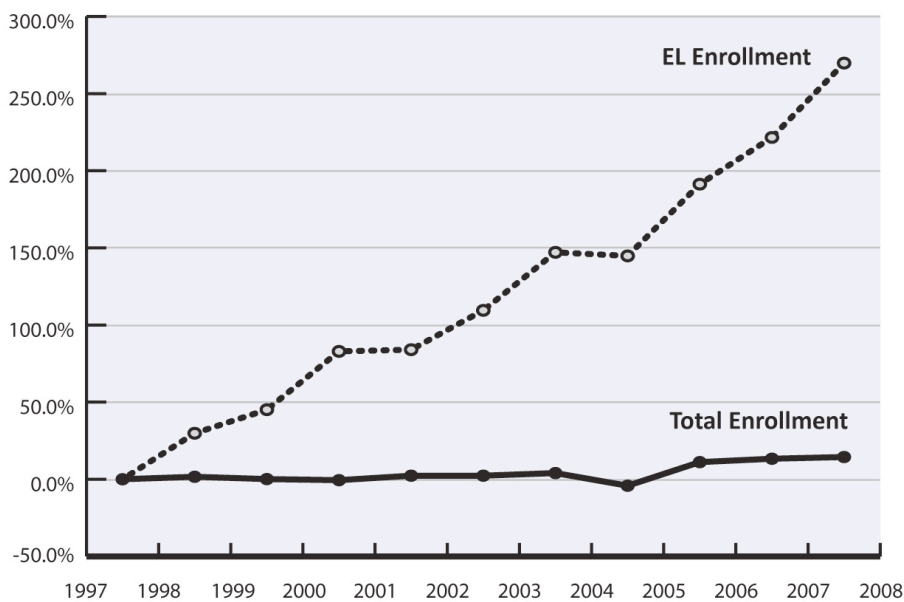
### Reaching ALL of North Carolina's English Language Learners (ELLs)

English language learners (ELLs) are the fastest-growing population in U.S. Schools. In North Carolina from school year 1997-1998 to 2007-2008 the ELL population grew 269.8%. Today ELLs make up almost 7% of NC school students and speak more than 200 different languages.

### NORTH CAROLINA Rate of EL Growth 1997/1998-2007/2008

Office of English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement for Limited English Proficient Students

	Total Enrollment	Growth from 1997-1998	EL Enrollment	Growth from 1997-1998
1997-1998	1,274,949	0.0%	28,709	0.0%
1998-1999	1,295,780	1.6%	37,251	29.8%
1999-2000	1,275,925	10.0%	41,667	45.1%
2000-2001	1,267,070	-0.6%	52,513	82.9%
2001-2002	1,303,928	2.3%	52,835	84.0%
2002-2003	1,303,707	2.3%	60,149	109.5%
2003-2004	1,325,344	4.0%	70,937	147.1%
2004-2005	1,221,062	-4.2%	70,288	144.8%
2005-2006	1,416,576	11.1%	83,627	191.3%
2006-2007	1,444,481	13.3%	92,316	221.6%
2007-2008	1,458,035	14.4%	106,180	269.8%



(North Carolina Department of Public Instruction October 1, 2010 Headcount of Limited English Proficient Students).