

PROGRAMS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

FILE:

The Board of Education recognizes the need to provide equal educational opportunities for all students in the district. Therefore, if a student is unable to read and understand the English language, the district shall take appropriate action to provide the student with equal access to its programs (ELL) and ensuring them equal access to the same academic achievement levels.

Definitions

Language Minority (LM) -- Refers to a student whose first language or home environment, includes language other than English. The student's language background and proficiency in English are the first steps to improving their English language skills.

Limited English Proficiency (LEP) -- A student whose reading, writing, listening, speaking, or understanding of English is below grade- and age-level proficiency. This is based on a student's English language proficiency test results.

English Language Learner -- Refers to a student with limited English proficiency who is enrolled in a public school.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) -- An instructional approach that provides structured ESOL immersion, content-based ESOL, and pull-out ESOL instruction.

- 1. Structured ESOL immersion instruction for students who are English Language Learners (ELL) and a self-proficiency.
- 2. Content-based ESOL allows for the regular classroom teacher to deliver content in an adapted format.
- 3. Pull-out ESOL periodical instruction involves a teacher who removes students from the regular classroom and focuses on English language instruction.

Bilingual Education -- An instructional approach that explicitly includes language instruction. This approach involves students who are not fluent in the student's native language and where qualified bilingual teachers are available.

Child -- Any individual age 3-21 who requires a special education program.

Parent -- Parent, legal guardian or person who is responsible for the child's education.

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Legal Issues: Equal Education Against Discriminities Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1703(f)
English Language Federal Program, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement
Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 5811 - 6871
Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d
34 C.F.R. Part 101
Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 228 (1982)
Lau v. Nichols, 414 U.S. 573 (1974)
Castaneda v. Pickard, 516 U.S. 48 (1995)
Civil Rights

Column School District No. 500, Columbia, Missouri
37 U.S. 20
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