

Programs for Limited English Proficient Students

The Board shall provide Programs for English Language Learners and/or Bilingual programs of instruction for students who do not speak English and need instruction toward mastery of the English language or for students who speak a language other than English and are more capable of performing schoolwork in that language, and need their basic instructional program taught in that language.

The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall develop procedures in accordance with Federal and State statutes to determine which students would benefit from ELL and/or bilingual programs and to involve school staff, parents/guardians/and community members in reviewing programs to determine which would best meet the needs for these students.

The goal of the ELL program is to assist students to achieve fluency, including listening, comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing, in English. The goal of the bilingual program is to permit students to learn subject matter in their primary language while developing English language skills.

Parents/guardians of students of limited English speaking ability shall be notified by mail that their child is eligible for enrollment in a bilingual, ELL or English language learner's education program. The written notice shall include the information that the parents may choose to enroll their child into the program.

Communications with parents/guardians of students in these programs shall be in both English and their primary speaking language.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10 17 English language to be medium of instruction. Exception.

10 17a Establishment of bilingual and bicultural program.

10 17d Application for and receipt of federal funds.

10 17e Definitions.

10 17f Required bilingual education.

10 17g Application for grant. Annual evaluation report.

10-76e Definitions.

10 146f Waiver of certification requirements for bilingual teachers.

P.A. 99-211 An Act Improving Bilingual Education.

State Board of Education Regulations

10 17h 1 to 10 17h 15. Programs of bilingual education.

Title VI, Civil Rights Act as an amendment to the Education Amendments of 1974

Bilingual Education Act. 20 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq. as amended by the English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement Act. Title III, Sections 3001-3304 of HR1, No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110.

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