

Weakley County Board of Education



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English Learners

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2 If the inability to speak and understand the English language excludes a student from effective
3 participation in the educational programs offered by the district, the district shall take reasonable
4 actions to provide the student equal access to its programs. Students who are English Learners
5 (ELs) shall be identified, assessed, and provided appropriate services. No child shall be admitted
6 to or excluded from any program or extra-curricular activity based on the student's surname or
7 EL status.¹

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9 The Director of Schools shall evaluate the effectiveness of the district's language assistance
10 programs to ensure EL students will acquire English proficiency and the ability to participate in
11 the standard instructional program within a reasonable period of time.

12 13 ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

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15 The Board directs the administration to develop and implement language instruction programs
16 that:²

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18 1. Appropriately identify EL students in a timely, valid, and reliable manner.
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20 2. Determine the appropriate instructional environment for EL students.
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22 3. Provide EL students with a language assistance program that is educationally sound and
23 proven successful.
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25 4. Annually assess the English proficiency of EL students and monitor the progress of
26 students in order to determine their readiness for standard instructional program.
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28 5. Monitor the progress of students who have exited the EL program.

29 30 PARENTAL NOTIFICATION³

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32 Parents of EL students shall be given notice of, and information regarding, the instructional
33 program within the first thirty (30) days of the school year, or within the first two weeks of a
34 student being placed in a language instruction educational program. At a minimum, the notice
35 will include the following:³

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37 1. The reason for identifying the child as an EL student;
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Legal References:

¹ Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by ESSA (Pub. L. 114-95), § 1112(e)(3)(D)

² ESSA (Pub. L. 114-95), § 3113(b)(3)(B)

³ ESSA (Pub. L. 114-95), § 1112(E)(3)(A)

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- 1 2. The child's level of English language proficiency, including how the level was assessed,
2 and the status of the child's academic achievement;
- 3 3. Methods of instruction used in the program, methods of instruction in other available
4 programs, and how they differ;
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- 6 4. How the program meets the educational strengths and needs of the student, and how the
7 program will help the student reach English language proficiency and meet academic
8 standards;
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- 10 5. Program exit requirements, rate of transition to a standard instructional program
11 classroom, and expected rate of high school graduation;
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- 13 6. How the program meets the goals of an EL student with an IEP; and
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- 15 7. Information on the parents' right to withdraw the student from the program or choose
16 another program or method of instruction if available.
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18 Parental involvement will be encouraged and parents will be regularly apprised of their child's
19 progress.⁴

Legal Reference:

⁴ ESSA (Pub. L. 114-95), § 1112(e)(3)(C)