

EDUCATION FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

It is the intent of the Fullerton Joint Union High School District to provide a challenging curriculum and instruction program that promotes the mastery of English language reading, writing, and oral communication skills for every student. For the English language learner, the intent is to assist the student in developing proficiency in English as rapidly and effectively as possible so that the student can be successful both in school and in society at-large. To this end, the District instructional program for English language learners shall be based on sound instructional theory, proven instructional strategies, and consistent with the tenets of Education Code provisions governing such instruction.

Students who are English language learners shall be educated through sheltered English immersion. Instruction in the District's sheltered English immersion program shall be in English. To assist English language learners in accessing appropriate instruction, the District will maintain procedures which provide for the identification, assessment and placement of students into appropriate instructional programs.

An English language learner shall be transitioned from a structured English immersion classroom to a mainstream English-language-only classroom when the student has acquired a reasonable level of English proficiency as measured by appropriate standardized, state-designated, or District-developed assessment.

To ensure that the District is effectively meeting the instructional needs of English language learners, the academic achievement and progress towards proficiency in English of English language learners will be assessed through analysis of appropriate data.

Upon the request of the student's parent/guardian, a student shall be placed in an English-language-only classroom rather than in a structured English immersion classroom.

The Superintendent is directed to develop regulations to implement this policy.

Reference: Education Code Sections 305, 306, 310, 311, 6190, 52164.6;
Title 5, California Code of Regulations Section 11301

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