

**Billings School District 2**

**INSTRUCTION**

Limited English Proficiency Program

In accordance with the Board's philosophy to provide a quality educational program to all students, the District shall provide an appropriate planned instructional program for identified students whose dominant language is not English. The purpose of the program is to increase the English proficiency of eligible students, so they can attain academic success. Students who have limited English proficiency (LEP) will be identified, assessed, and provided appropriate services.

The Board shall adopt a program of educational services for each student whose dominant language is not English.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall implement and supervise an LEP program which ensures appropriate LEP instruction and complies with applicable laws and regulations.

The Superintendent or his/her designee, in conjunction with appropriate stakeholders, shall develop and disseminate written procedures regarding the LEP program.

The District shall establish procedures for identifying students whose language is not English. For students whose dominant language is not English, assessment of the student's English proficiency level must be completed to determine the need for English as a Second Language instruction.

Students whose dominant language is not English should be enrolled in the District, upon proof of residency and other legal requirements. Students shall have access to and be encouraged to participate in all academic and extracurricular activities of the District.

Students participating in LEP programs shall be required, with accommodations, to meet established academic standards and graduation requirements adopted by the Board. The LEP program shall be designed to provide instruction which meets each student's individual needs based on the assessment of English proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Adequate content-area support shall be provided while the student is learning English, to assure achievement of academic standards.

The LEP program shall be evaluated for effectiveness as required, based on the attainment of English proficiency, and shall be revised when necessary.

At the beginning of each school year, the District shall notify parents of students qualifying for LEP programs about the instructional program and parental options, as required by law. Parents will be regularly apprised of their student's progress. Whenever possible, communications with

parents shall be in the language understood by the parents.

The District shall maintain an effective means of outreach to encourage parental involvement in the education of their children.

Cross References:      2500-P1      Identification  
                                 2500-F1      Limited English Proficiency Parent Notification for  
                                                      Evaluation or Services

Legal References:      Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964  
                                 Equal Education Opportunities 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, §§ 3001-3304 of HRI, No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, P.L.  
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