



Title: **English as a Second Language**

Code: IHBEA

Section: Section I: Instruction

Academy District 20 is committed to meeting the needs of students whose dominant language is other than English.

In keeping with the intention of the state of Colorado and Academy District 20 to offer educational opportunities to those students with limited English proficiency, the District shall provide suitable research-based language instructional programs for all identified English language learners in grades kindergarten through 12 in accordance with the requirements of state and federal statutes, Colorado State Board of Education rules and Colorado Department of Education guidance.

The District shall identify students as English Language Learners using the state-approved assessment for English language proficiency. Identified students shall be assessed annually to determine their level of proficiency in the English language.

The District shall certify to the Colorado Department of Education each year those students identified as English language learners.

The District shall provide additional information as required by the Colorado Department of Education to comply with federal law.

If a student who qualifies for the ESL program meets eligibility criteria for Special Education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the development of the Individual Education Plan (IEP) will be written in collaboration with required IEP team members to include the ESL teacher.

The District supports ongoing professional learning of the staff involved in the education of English Language Learners. This includes administrative, licensed and classified staff.

Programming for English Language Learners will be regularly evaluated.

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July 19, 2021

Legal Refs:

20 U.S.C. 1703 (f) (*denial of equal educational opportunity prohibited*)

20 U.S.C. 6801 et seq. (*language instruction for English language learners, including immigrant students*)

C.R.S. 22-24-101 et seq. (*English Language Proficiency Act*)

1 CCR 301-10 (*State Board of Education rules for the Administration of the English Language Proficiency Act*)

42 USC 2000D (Civil Rights Act of 1964)

Cross Refs:

AEC, Policy on Accreditation

IIAC R 2, Selection of Instructional Materials

EL-1.0, Global Executive Constraint

EL-2.1, Treatment of Students

EL-2.2, Treatment of Parents & the General Public

EL-2.3, Treatment of Staff

BSR-3.3, Delegation to the Superintendent

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Attachments

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