



New Jersey Department of Education



Bilingual Programs in N.J. & Parents' Rights Policy (Part 1 of 4 Series)

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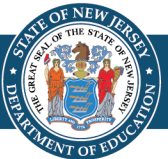
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Agenda



- General enrollment and registration.
- Enrollment of immigrants and undocumented students.
- Providing services to dually identified students (language & disability).
- Parent notification and parents' right to decline.
- Benefits of bilingualism.





General Enrollment and Registration



- Prohibited from **requesting** any documents that may reveal a parent's or a family's immigration status.
- May not ask questions of students or parents that may expose their undocumented status.
- Exclude any practices that may hinder or discourage parents from registering and enrolling their child in school.





Newcomers Registration



- New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 6A:22-3.3) also prohibits the barring of any student from public elementary and secondary schools on the basis of immigration/visa status, except for students on F-1 visas.
- Districts should continue to enroll all students who are between the ages of 5 and 20.
 - Districts may continue to enroll students 20 years and older that are in the process of earning credits to meet high school graduation requirements.
 - Students who earned a high school diploma in another country, still have the right to enroll in a N.J. school.
- Districts must develop an evaluation procedure to translate foreign transcripts and apply earned credits to the entering student's academic record.





Take Time to:



- Read the broadcast from the previous slide.
 - What surprised you?
 - What do you still have questions about?
- Enter your responses in the chat.





Spanish Parent Portal



- Provides information for parents in Spanish about:
 - Education in New Jersey;
 - Helping your child in school;
 - The importance of being bilingual;
 - Community resources; and
 - Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).





Let's Chat



- Have you used the Spanish parent portal? If so, how?
- What next steps might you take to use/explore the portal?



English Language Learner (ELL) Identification



- Three-step process:
 - Home Language Survey (HLS);
 - Records Review; and
 - Testing.



Dually Identified Students



- [ELL Entry and Exit](#)
 - 6 step process for special education ELLs.
- [Dear Colleagues Letter](#)
 - Parent rights section – page 37.
 - Translations - 1-800-872-5327) (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or email at: Ed.Language.Assistance@ed.gov.
- [Special Education and ELL FAQ](#)

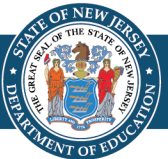




Activity



- Review one of the documents from slide 9.
- Punctuate what stands out to you.
 - Questions (?).
 - Resonate (!).
 - Investigate (*).
- What are your next steps?





Parent Notification



- Three-step process for ELL identification.
- Notification letter:
 - Placement; and
 - Continuation (annual notification).
- WIDA “My Child is an ELL”.





Right to Decline



- Student must still be tested with ACCESS for ELLs.
- Must still conduct annual notification to parents who have refused.
- Mid-Year Refusal.
- Appeal Process.





Benefits of Bilingualism



- Seal of Biliteracy.
 - Rate of recognition for ELLs.
- Increased executive decision-making, critical thought and analysis.
- Delayed onset of neurological health issues.
- Increased income earnings.





Thumbs Up or Thumbs Down



- My district participates in the seal of biliteracy (thumbs up in the chat).
- My district doesn't participate in the seal of biliteracy (thumbs down).
- Why is it important for parents to know about the seal?
- How will you inform parents of this recognition?



Broadcasts of Interest







- Enrollment of students based upon immigration status -
 - Plyer v. Doe and N.J.A.C. 6A:22-3.3 prohibit the barring of enrolling students based on immigration status.
 - Enrollment of children and youth experiencing homelessness.



Save the Dates



NJDOE ELL Topics Bilingual Programs in N.J. & Parents Rights

-  12/07/2021 Policy (Part 1 of 4 - LEAs)
-  02/17/2022 District Strategies (Part 2 of 4 - LEAs)
-  04/05/2022 What does it mean that my child is an “ELL”?
(Part 3 of 4 – Parents)
-  06/08/2022 Parent to Parent (Part 4 of 4 – Parents)



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