



# New Jersey Department of Education



## **Bilingual Programs in N.J. & Parents' Rights District Strategies (Part 2 of 4 Series)**

Office of Supplemental Educational Programs

Division of Educational Services

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# Agenda

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- Districts' Responsibilities to English language learners (ELLs).
- Benefits of Language Programs.
- Promising Practices.





# District's Responsibilities

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- General enrollment and registration.
- Annual parent notification letters.
- ELL status and annual testing requirements.





# Enrollment Resources



[Enrollment for Newcomers](#)

[Enrollment of Immigrant Students and/or Undocumented Students](#)

[Identifying ELs Tool Kit](#)

[ELL Identification and Placement Guidance Document](#)

[Reference Guides for Registering Students With Non-English Names](#)

[Parental Consent](#)

[Notification Checklist](#)

[Title I Parent Notification Requirement](#)



# Activity



Explore one of the resources from slide 4.



Provide strategies to use the resource to district inform parents.



# Parent Notification



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



# True or False?



- I need to provide parents of former ELLs with communication in their home language.



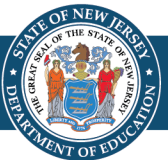
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# Benefits of Language Programs



- Increases executive functions on decision-making.
- Facilitates 2<sup>nd</sup> language acquisition.
- Promotes socio-emotional health.
- Improves neurological functioning.
- Provides improved socio-economic growth.
- Creates a path toward the Seal of Biliteracy.







# Promising Practices





# 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)



Register: <https://homeroom5.doe.state.nj.us/events/search.php>



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