

PROGRAM FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

The School Board recognizes the need to provide a program for students who are English language learners in order to assure meaningful access to curriculum and equal educational opportunity. The District will also provide meaningful and equitable access to extra-curricular programs.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for developing and implementing a plan ("Lau Plan") to meet the needs of such students, including procedures for identification, assessment, programming, monitoring or progress, exit/reclassification, follow-up, and parent notification. A Language Assessment Committee shall be appointed to assist the coordination, oversight, and periodic review of the program.

The Lau Plan shall be approved by the Board before it is submitted to the Maine Department of Education.

At the beginning of each school year, RSU 19 will notify parents of students identified for or participating in programs for English language learners about the instructional program and parent rights, as required by law. Parents will be regularly informed of their child's progress. Whenever practicable, communications with parents will be in the language understood by the parents.

Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964)
 20 U.S.C. § 6801 et seq.
 Ch. 127.02 (Maine Dept. of Ed. Rule)