



Book	Ogdensburg City School District
Section	4000 Instruction
Title	PROGRAMS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS EXHIBIT: PLACEMENT IN A LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR NEW STUDENTS - PARENTAL NOTIFICATION
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child (insert child's name) has been identified as an "English Language Learner;" a student in need of help to learn English and the district is recommending placement in a (insert name of program). We have determined (insert child's name) eligibility, and placed (him or her) in such a program based on (insert reasons). Please review this letter, choose one of the options (see below) and sign and return the attached form within 10 school days.

(Child's name) is performing at (insert status of child's academic achievement). We have determined (his or her) level of English proficiency at (insert level) based on (insert how the district assessed that level).

We believe that placement in a (insert name of English instruction program) will help (insert child's name) both to learn English and increase (his/her) level of academic performance. Attached is a series of questions and answers we hope will help you better understand the program in which we have placed (insert child's name) and the benefits of that program.

The district will offer an orientation session for parents. We encourage you to attend. At the meeting, we will provide you with information about New York State's Learning Standards and the school's expectations that will help you to better understand the goals of your child's program, and suggest ways you can help (insert child's name). In between meetings we are always ready to listen and respond to any questions and recommendations you might have. District staff will also meet with you individually once a year, in addition to regular parent/teacher meetings, to discuss your child's language development progress, English language proficiency assessment results, and language development needs in all content areas.

However, you should know that you have the right to:

1. request that (insert child's name) be immediately withdrawn from the instructional bilingual program that the district has offered your child and schedule a meeting with the building principal and the district supervisor of bilingual education. At a minimum, however, (insert child's name) must participate in an English as a New Language program;
2. request placement in another available district program; or
3. accept the district's recommended placement.

Whatever your decision, we encourage you to help (insert child's name) attain English proficiency and high academic achievement levels. Some ways in which you can do this include: (insert some examples).

If you have any questions about this notice or the attached information, please contact (insert the name of the Building Principal or the program's coordinator). All of us in the district look forward to working with you to help (insert child's name) improve (his or her) English and overall academic skills.

Sincerely,

Building Principal

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Questions and Answers About Your Child's English Instruction Educational Program

NOTE: In this exhibit, the district/school will have to fill in the answers to the questions below. Those answers will be specific to the individual child involved. If the district receives Title I or Title III funds, the district is required to provide parents information found in the exhibit below. The district can provide this information in another way, but federal regulations require that it be provided to parents/guardians. These questions closely correspond to the text of the federal regulations.

1. What methods of instruction will be used in my child's program?
2. Does the district offer any other programs for English language learners?
3. How do these other programs differ from the one offered my child in terms of methods of instruction, content, instructional goals and the use of English and a native language in instruction?
4. How will this program meet the educational strengths and needs of my child?
5. How will my child's program specifically help (him or her) learn English and meet age appropriate academic achievement standards for grade promotion and graduation?
6. What are the specific exit requirements of my child's program? What is the expected rate of transition into non-ELL classrooms? What is the expected graduation rate from high schools receiving Title I funds?
7. My child is classified as a student with a disability. How will my child's English learning program meet the objectives set out in (his or her) individualized education program?

Adoption date: