

IHBEA Program for English Language Learners

The Board recognizes the need to provide a program for students who are English language learners in order to assure these students an equal educational opportunity.

To that end, the Superintendent/designee shall be responsible for developing and implementing a "LAU Plan" to meet the needs of students who are English language learners, including procedures for identification, assessment, programming, monitoring or progress, exit/reclassification, follow-up, and parent notification. A LAU Plan, named after the landmark Lau vs. Nichols U.S. Supreme Court Decision of 1974, is one equal access plan that protects English Language Learners (ELLs). A Language Assessment Committee shall be appointed to assist in the coordination, oversight and periodic review of the program and the LAU Plan.

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 1 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 References: 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964)

Ch. 127 § 3.02 (Me. Dept. of Ed. Rule)

20 U.S.C. § 6801 et seq.

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