

Regulation 4112.22: Staff Teaching English Learners

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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure compliance with state staffing requirements for serving limited English proficiency (LEP) students, also called English Learners (EL).

Definitions

An English learner means a student who is enrolled or is preparing to enroll in school, and whose difficulties in speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language may be sufficient enough to deny the student the ability to meet state academic standards, the ability to successfully achieve in classrooms where the language of instruction is English, or the opportunity to participate fully in society. An English learner may include a student who was not born in the United States or whose native language is a language other than English; a student who comes from an environment where a language other than English has had a significant impact on the individual's level of English language proficiency; or a student who is migratory, whose native language is a language other than English, and who comes from an environment where a language other than English is dominant. (Education Code 306; 20 USC 7801)

Instruction for English language development (ELD) means instruction designed specifically for English learners to develop their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in English. (Education Code 44253.2)

Specially designed academic instruction in English (SDAIE) means instruction in a subject area, delivered in English that is specially designed to meet the needs of English learners. (Education Code 44253.2)

Primary language instruction includes both primary language development designed to develop English learners' listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in their primary language and content instruction delivered in the primary language in any subject area. (Education Code 44253.2)

Teacher Qualifications

Only a teacher who possesses an appropriate authorization issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) shall be hired permanently. All teachers are required to provide ELD, SDAIE, and/or primary language instruction in all classes regardless of the number of English learners.

The District may, for the purpose of providing primary language instruction, hire bilingual teachers provided such teachers speak English fluently and hold the necessary credential issued by the CTC. (Education Code 44856)