

Dear Parents:

To avoid any confusion, we would like to explain the purpose of the questions about other native language and ethnicity on the registration form.

In an effort to help students succeed in their education, the law requires that all students who are exposed to any cultural or linguistic influence other than English may be provided with alternative language services, if necessary. These students would include: those who were born out of the U.S.A., those who spoke another language before English, those who have parents whose primary language is not English, etc.

The purpose of these services is, in no way to diminish or single out any student, but, to help him/her get the most out of their education. Once they are identified as eligible for this service, they are assessed with a simple test to know the areas in which they need reinforcement. If parents, principals or teachers of these students feel they need the services they may be referred to the ESL department in the School District.

The district will also provide translation services, if needed, as indicated on the registration form. Please check the corresponding box if you feel you would need this service. A list of translators will be available through the school. The provision of translation services will be documented in the student's cumulative file.

We hope this information will be helpful. If you have any questions, please contact the ESL department office at 402-1161.

Sincerely,

Cameron Forbush  
Principal