

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL) STUDENTS

The Board of Education recognizes the need to identify and serve English Language Learners (ELL). Therefore, it shall be the policy of the North Merrick Union Free School District that students with limited English proficiency have equal access to appropriate instructional and support services and equal opportunities to participate in all school programs and extracurricular activities.

New entrants to the school district shall be screened to determine if they are possibly ELL. Further, ELL students initially considered to have a disability shall be referred to the Committee on Special Education and a bilingual multi-disciplinary assessment conducted following the provisions of Part 200 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education. Lastly, appropriate school-related information shall be provided to parents of ELL students in the language the parents understand.

The Superintendent of Schools shall assure that appropriate procedures are established to implement this policy and that all ELL students are identified and served in accordance with federal and state regulations.

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