

# Revised Sample Policy

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*NOTE: While Colorado school districts are not required by law to adopt a policy on this subject, some content in this sample reflects legal requirements school districts must follow. This sample contains the content/language that CASB believes best meets the intent of the law. However, the district should consult with its own legal counsel to determine appropriate language that meets local circumstances and needs.*

## English Language Learners

In keeping with the intention of the state of Colorado and this school district to offer educational opportunities to those students with limited English proficiency, the district shall provide suitable research-based language instructional programs for all identified English language learners in grades kindergarten through 12 in accordance with the requirements of state and federal statutes, Colorado State Board of Education rules and Colorado Department of Education guidance.

The district shall identify students as English language learners using the state-approved assessment for English language proficiency. Identified students shall be assessed annually to determine their level of proficiency in the English language.

The district shall certify to the Colorado Department of Education each year those students identified as English language learners who are eligible for funding pursuant to the English Language Proficiency Act.

The district shall provide additional information as required by the Colorado Department of Education to comply with federal law.

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LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. 1703 (f) (*denial of equal educational opportunity prohibited*)  
20 U.S.C. 6801 *et seq.* (*language instruction for English language learners, including immigrant students*)  
42 U.S.C. 2000d (*Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*)  
C.R.S. 22-24-101 *et seq.* (*English Language Proficiency Act*)  
1 CCR 301-10 (*State Board of Education rules for the Administration of the English Language Proficiency Act*)