

## ENGLISH LEARNERS

Alexandria City School Board (Board) provides high-quality educational programs to improve the education of English learners (EL) by assisting the students to learn English and meet Virginia's challenging academic content and student academic achievement standards.

The Board accepts and provides programs for school aged students for whom English is a second language who have not reached age 22 on or before August 1 of the school year. No tuition is charged such students, if state funding is provided for such programs.

The Board annually assesses the English proficiency of all ELs.

### **Notification**

ACPS will, no later than 30 days after the beginning of the school year, inform parents/guardians of an English learner identified for participation in, or participating in, a program for English learner students of:

- The reasons for the identification of the child as an English learner and in need of placement in a language instruction education program;
- The child's level of English proficiency, how ACPS assessed that level, and the status of the child's academic achievement;
- The methods of instruction used in the program in which their child is, or will be, participating, and the methods of instruction used in other available programs, including how such programs differ in content, instructional goals, and use of English and a native language in instruction;
- How the program in which their child is, or will be, participating will meet the educational strengths and needs of their child;
- How such program will specifically help the child learn English and meet age appropriate academic achievement standards for grade promotion and graduation;
- The specific exit requirements for such program, including the expected rate of transition from such program into classrooms that are not tailored for English learners, and the expected rate of graduation from high school (including four-year adjusted cohort graduation rates and extended-year adjusted cohort graduation rates for such program);
- In the case of a child with a disability, how such program meets the objectives of the individualized education program of the child, as described in section 614(d) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1414(d));
- Information pertaining to parental rights that include written guidance
  - Detailing the right that parents/guardians have to have their child immediately removed from such program upon their request and the options that parents/guardians have to decline to enroll their child in such program or to choose another program or method of instruction, if available and
  - Assisting parents/guardians in selecting among various programs and methods of instruction, if more than one program or method is offered by the school division.

46 For a child whom ACPS has not identified for participation in a language instruction education  
47 program prior to the beginning of the school year, ACPS provides the notice detailed above within  
48 two weeks of the child being placed in the program.

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50 The information described above is provided to parents in an understandable and uniform format  
51 and, to the extent practicable, in a language that the parent can understand.

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53 **Notification of Availability of Testing Accommodations**

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55 Each high school principal or principal’s designee notifies each English learner of the availability  
56 of testing accommodations available for industry certifications, state licensure examinations,  
57 national occupational competency assessments, the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery  
58 and the Virginia workplace readiness skills assessment prior to the student's participation in any  
59 such certification, examination, assessment, or battery.

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62 Adopted: January 9, 1997

63 Amended: July 1, 2005

64 Amended: April 15, 2015

65 Amended: June 6, 2024

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68 Legal Refs.: 20 U.S.C. §§ 6311, 6312, 6825.

69 Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-5, 22.1-253.13:4.

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71 Cross Refs.: IA Instructional Goals and Objectives

72 IGBC Parent and Family Engagement