

### **English Learner**

The Bismarck Public School system is committed to providing appropriate educational services to ensure that all students are empowered to thrive. The District has a legal responsibility to provide equal educational opportunities, along with curricular, instructional, and other related services to ensure that all English Learners (ELs) are equipped to participate effectively in the schools' educational programs.

To accomplish this, Bismarck Public Schools is committed to implementing the District English Learner (EL) Plan, which details the procedural requirements and services provided to EL students. This includes registration, identification, placement, instruction, assessments, program exit, and monitoring criteria. The plan shall describe the instructional model chosen, the process of developing Individualized Language Plans, the methods used to assist with academic achievement, and the role of the licensed and endorsed EL or bilingual teacher assigned to each identified EL enrolled in the program.

The EL Plan will be monitored to ensure that it meets the needs of all ELs and their families. Parents or guardians of EL students shall be notified upon identification and be informed of students' needs, services available, and annual progress in English and academic achievement. The District shall communicate with parents or guardians, to the extent practicable, in a language and format they can understand.

Bismarck Public Schools ensures that English Language Development services are provided to all eligible students and that all federal and state regulations regarding the education of ELs are implemented. Bismarck Public Schools shall strive to create and maintain an EL Program that is consistent with best educational practices. The EL Plan will be monitored to ensure that it meets the needs of EL students.