

ENGLISH LEARNER FAMILY TOOLKIT

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The U.S. Department of Education (ED) and the Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA), are pleased to announce the first two chapters of the *English Learner Family Toolkit*.

The toolkit provides information, tips, and resources that EL families may need as they prepare to enroll their children in public schools across the United States. The chapters are designed to assist families with navigating the U.S. school system by providing helpful questions they might ask teachers and school staff.



The topics include:

1. Enrolling Your Child in School
2. Attending Schools in the United States

The subsequent chapters that will follow:

3. Obtaining Services for English Learners
4. Finding Additional Services for Your Child
5. Keeping Your Child Safe and Healthy in School
6. Helping Your Child with Schoolwork at Home

Each topic covered in the *English Learner Family Toolkit* is divided into 5 parts: (1) *General Information*, (2) *Family and Student Rights*, (3) *Questions to Ask School Staff*, (4) *Tips*, and (5) *Resources*. All resources in the Toolkit are available online for free.

For more information please visit the Office of English Language Acquisition's [home page](#).

The Toolkit does not encompass all resources about services for English learners, but does offer a sampling. For the reader's convenience, the toolkit is free and accessible [online](#).

As part of the U.S. Department of Education's mission, OELA provides national leadership to help ensure that English learners and immigrant students attain English language proficiency and achieve rigorous academic standards, identify major issues affecting the education of English learners, and support state and local systemic reform efforts to improve English learners' achievement.