MULTI-LANGUAGE LEARNERS

The North Middlesex Regional School 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 and Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)regulations and guidance.

The District shall identify students whose dominant language may not be English through home language surveys that identify a primary home language is other than English, observations, intake assessments, and recommendations of parents/guardians, teachers, and other persons. Identified students shall be assessed annually to determine their level of proficiency in the English language.

The District shall certify to the DESE each year those students whose dominant language is not English, including specification of the number of non-English languages identified as dominant languages and the number and percent of students who speak each non-English language as their dominant language.

The District shall provide additional information as required by the DESE to comply with federal law.

SOURCE: MASC October 2016

LEGAL REFS.: Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended

42 U.S.C. 2000d (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964)

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