

PROGRAMS FOR MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS

The Board of Directors recognizes that there may be some students attending RSU No. 5 schools for whom English is not their primary home language, Multilingual Learners. These students may be significantly challenged as they acquire or improve English proficiency at the same time they are learning the knowledge and skills associated with the content standards of the system of Learning Results. In order to ensure equal educational opportunity, the school system will provide a program for students who are limited in English proficiency.

RSU No. 5 shall provide appropriate programs for Multilingual Learners to assist them in attaining English language proficiency and meeting state and local academic achievement standards in compliance with applicable federal and state requirements. The School Department shall also provide for opportunities for parent involvement in their children's education as required by federal law.

The Superintendent is responsible for developing and implementing the school unit's Lau Plan and any necessary administrative procedures. The Superintendent may delegate specific responsibilities to building administrators or others as they deem appropriate.

The Lau Plan shall be approved by the RSU No. 5 Board of Directors before it is submitted to the Maine Department of Education.

Legal References: Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act
 20 U.S.C. §§ 6312; 6811 et seq.
 20-A M.R.S.A. § 4701
 Maine Department of Education Rule Chapter 127

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