

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District  
Wenham, Massachusetts

Policy

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS**

**I. Policy**

The 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 Education 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 (PHLOTE), observations, intake assessments, and recommendations of parents, 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 Massachusetts Department of Education 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 Massachusetts Department of Education to comply with the No Child Left Behind Act.

**II. Policy Review and Revision**

Review and revision of these policies and procedures shall occur as needed, but at least every two years.

**III. Legal References**

20 U.S.C. 3001 et seq. (*language instruction for limited English proficient and immigrant students contained in No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*)

42 U.S.C. 2000d (*Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*)  
603 CMR 14.00

**IV. Approvals**

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