

Transitional Bilingual Instruction Program

The Edmonds School District is committed to ensuring an equitable educational opportunity for every student. The goal of Transitional Bilingual programming is to develop language proficiency that enables meaningful access to grade level curricula and instruction. While English is the basic language of instruction in the district's schools, the district will provide a transitional bilingual instruction program for students who come from linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds. The district's transitional bilingual instruction program is designed to enable students to achieve competency in English and academic success. Annually, the Board of Directors will approve the district's transitional bilingual instruction program.

The district and its staff will:

- A. Communicate, whenever feasible, with families of English language learners in a language they can understand;
- B. Assess and determine, by means of a screener, student eligibility within 10 days of enrollment and attendance;
- C. Annually assess, by means of the state approved test, improvement in English language proficiency for each eligible English language learner;
- D. Provide professional development training for administrators, teachers, counselors and other staff on the district's bilingual instruction program, appropriate use of instructional strategies and assessment results, and curriculum and instructional materials for use with culturally and linguistically diverse students; and
- E. Provide for continuous improvement and evaluation of the district's program to determine its effectiveness.

For purposes of providing such services, the superintendent will establish procedures for implementing the district's Transitional Bilingual Instruction Program.

Legal References

Chapter 28A.180 RCW Transitional bilingual instruction program
WAC 162-28-040 English language limitations and national origin discrimination
Chapter 392-160 WAC Special service program - Transitional bilingual

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