



Language Acquisition Programs

All schools are required to provide a Structured English Immersion (SEI) program option. In this option your child will be placed in a classroom that uses mostly English for instruction. SEI is a language acquisition program for English learners in which nearly all classroom instruction is provided in English, but with curriculum and a presentation designed for pupils who are learning English. At minimum, students are offered ELD and access to grade level academic subject matter content.

Requesting a Language Acquisition Program: Language acquisition programs are educational programs designed to ensure English acquisition occurs as rapidly and effectively as possible, and provides instruction to English learners based on the state-adopted academic content standards, including English language development (ELD) standards. (EC Section 306[c]) Parents/Guardians may choose a language acquisition program that best suits their child. Schools in which the parents or legal guardians of 30 pupils or more per school or the parents or legal guardians of 20 pupils or more in any grade request a language acquisition program that is designed to provide language instruction shall be required to offer such a program to the extent possible. (EC Section 310[a]) Parents may provide input regarding language acquisition programs during the development of the Local Control Accountability Plan. If interested in a different program from that listed above, please contact the office of Lisa Herrin, Director of Compensatory Education @ (209) 858-0853 or the administrator at your child's school of attendance.

Parents of English learners have a right to decline or opt their children out of the school district's language acquisition program or opt out of particular English learner service(s) within a language acquisition program. (20 U.S.C Section 6318[c][A][vii]) However, LEAs remain obligated to provide the student meaningful instruction (5 CCR Section 11302) until the student is reclassified, inform the parent when progress is not made, and offer the parent programs and services to consider at that time.