

LAU PLAN

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Section I - Guiding Principles

Christian County Public Schools is prepared to educate all students, including immigrants and students who speak a language other than English in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and the Equal Educational Opportunities Act. Christian County will provide the same educational experiences and opportunities to all who enroll, regardless of their native or home language. The English Learner program focuses on increasing English language proficiency for all EL students so they may participate fully in both academic and extracurricular activities.

Section II - Enrollment, Identification, and Placement of ELs in a Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP)

The Home Language Survey (HLS) is included in the online registration for Christian County Public Schools. The HLS asks five questions that determine if the student should be administered the WIDA Screener for English proficiency. The questions are:

What is the language most often spoken at home?

Which language did your child learn when they first began to talk?

Which language does your child most frequently speak at home?

Which language do you most frequently speak to your child?

In which language would you prefer to receive school information about your student?

If a language other than English is listed on any of the above questions, a notification is sent to EL staff. EL staff is responsible for the administration of the WIDA Online Screener. Parents are then notified of the results and placement decision based on the score. Initial EL Identification: For students newly enrolled at the start of the school year, districts have 30 calendar days to ensure proper identification of EL status, using Home Language Survey and appropriate EL Screener and to notify the parent of placement in the language instruction educational program (LIEP). Reference ESSA 1112(e)(3)(A). For students identified after the start of the school year, districts have 30 calendar days to ensure proper identification of EL status, using Home Language Survey and

appropriate EL Screener. Then an additional 14 calendar days to notify the parent of placement in the language instruction educational program (LIEP). Reference ESSA 1112(e)(3)(B).

Continued EL Identification: Districts have 30 calendar days from the start of school to notify parents of a student's continued inclusion in the language instruction educational program (LIEP) for the academic year based on the previous year EL assessment scores. Reference ESSA 1112(e)(3)(A).

Section III - Description of the Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP)

Christian County Public Schools provides Sheltered, Structured English Immersion and Content-Based Instruction to English Learners through collaboration and professional learning with general education teachers and EL staff. Students with low levels of English proficiency are provided pull-out resource time. The amount of time spent in direct language instruction is determined by the need of the student and the recommendation of the PSP committee.

Section IV - Process to Provide Meaningful Access to all Co-curricular and Extracurricular Programs and Activities

EL students will have the same access to co-curricular programs as the general education population. Multiple data points are reviewed to determine placement in intervention programs, special education, primary talent pool and advanced placement classes, as test scores are not indicative of the EL students' ability in all areas. Such indicators include: universal screener data, ACCESS scores, state accountability data, classroom performance, parent input, student interviews, and teacher recommendation. Extracurricular activities provided by the district and the community are announced through means of school websites, newsletters, social media, etc. The district provides a Language Line for phone translations and printed materials can be provided in most home languages.

Section V - EL Professional Development for Staff who Deliver Instruction or Support the LIEP for ELs

All teachers of English Learners are provided professional development throughout the school year. General Education teachers of EL students have the opportunity to participate in ongoing professional development provided by both the District, as well as their individual school. EL

teachers also participate in PDSA model of PLCs. In Cycle I, general education teachers are planning for instruction. EL teachers participate to provide strategies, present data and information to guide instruction for ELs, and to address concerns/barriers to ELs as they access core instruction.

Section VI - Annual English Language Proficiency Assessment and Administration

English proficiency and growth are measured each year using either the WIDA ACCESS for ELs Online Assessment for grades 1-12, the Alternate ACCESS, or the K-ACCESS for kindergarten. As required by the Kentucky Department of Education, all EL students are assessed during the ACCESS testing window. This assessment measures English proficiency in the 4 domains of language: listening, speaking, reading and writing. This test can be administered by any district employee who has been trained and certified by WIDA.

Section VII - LIEP Exit Criteria and Procedures

EL exit criteria is based on WIDA ACCESS or Alternate ACCESS scores. Students in grades K-12 who reach a composite score of at least 4.5 on ACCESS or P2 on Alternate ACCESS are considered English proficient and will exit the EL program as of June 30 of the school year. Students who completed Tier A of ACCESS will not exit the program. Students who reach proficiency begin the four year monitoring process on the first day of the following school year.

Section VIII - Monitoring Procedures after Students Exit the LIEP Program

Exited EL students are monitored for four (4) years after meeting the Kentucky requirements for English proficiency. EL staff are required to monitor exited students following the guidelines set forth by the Kentucky Department of Education and under the obligation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and the Equal Educational Opportunities Act. To ensure exited EL students are sustaining academic progress, EL staff will collect and record data each grading period (nine weeks). This data can include: grade reports, universal screener scores, benchmark assessments, common assessments, and teacher, student and parent input.

Students who show persistent deficits in any academic area will be provided the support necessary to be successful, including any interventions available. In addition, EL staff may administer the WIDA MODEL to re-assess the student's English proficiency. If it is determined that a student exited

prematurely from the EL program, the student may reenter the English Language Program. If determined by the PSP committee that a student should be re-entered, a parent meeting will be required and a PSP will be created to meet the needs of the student.

Section IX - EL Program Evaluation

The EL staff will evaluate the EL program utilizing student academic data (options include ACCESS, universal screener data, state accountability proficiency data, and graduation data). Survey data can be used to determine satisfaction with the program.

Using the most recent ACCESS scores at the end of each school year, EL staff will analyze the percentage of exiting EL students, the percentage of students making growth, the number of long-term EL students, and data trends for each school.

Section X - APPENDICES A-C

Appendix A-Kentucky Department of Education-Title III-English Learners and Immigrant Students <https://education.ky.gov/federal/progs/eng/Pages/default.aspx>

Appendix B- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Title III

<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/essa/essatitleiiienglishlearners92016.pdf>

Appendix C-Dear Colleague Letter-U.S. Department of Justice/U.S. Department of Education <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-el-201501.pdf>