

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE 211

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

Background

The Division supports students who are learning English as an Additional Language (EAL), by providing appropriate English language instruction that meets students' diverse learning needs and develops language proficiency for students to reach their full potential. The term EAL acknowledges students who are learning English and are also fluent in another language.

Procedures

1. School Administrator or Designate is responsible for:
 - ensuring appropriate intake processes are in place for EAL students and families
 - the identification of Canadian born, foreign born and refugee students who require English as an Additional Language (EAL) funding and supports
 - entering appropriate funding codes for students who have been assessed as needing English language supports as either Foreign born code 301 or Canadian born 303
 - entering language proficiency levels in the education information system for transmitting to Alberta Education
 - the identification of students who are no longer eligible for funding but would benefit from continued English as an Additional Language (EAL) supports and services
 - coordinating EAL supports within the school -see LRSD English as an Additional Language Guidelines

2. Each school will:
 - provide a continuum of supports and services for students identified as English as an Additional Language (EAL) learners
 - use the Alberta Education benchmarks at the outset of a student being identified and coded as an English as an Additional Language learner and consult with the parent of the student
 - complete an annual assessment of language proficiency development to inform instructional planning EAL (Alberta Education benchmarks meets this requirement)
 - use ongoing assessment and monitoring of EAL student language proficiency to inform instructional planning and the provision of timely and appropriate learning supports
 - provide flexible and student- focused instructional support that considers the student's linguistic, cultural, and educational backgrounds

- provide EAL programs in accordance with the Alberta Education's Program of Studies and appropriate EAL curricular documents.

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References

Education Act, Sections 3, 11, 17, 33

English as an Additional Language Policy

Funding Manual for School Authorities