

DICKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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1 If the inability to speak and understand the English language excludes a student from effective
2 participation in the educational programs offered by the district, the district shall take appropriate
3 action to provide the student equal access to its programs. Students who are English Learners
4 (EL) shall be identified, assessed and provided appropriate services. No child will be admitted to
5 or excluded from any program or extra-curricular activity based solely on surname or EL status.¹
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7 The director of schools shall evaluate the effectiveness of the district's language assistance
8 programs to ensure EL students will acquire English proficiency and the ability to participate in
9 the standard instructional program within a reasonable period of time.

10 **ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

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13 The Board directs the administration to develop and implement language instruction programs
14 that:²

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16 1. Appropriately identify EL students in a timely, valid and reliable manner.
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18 2. The building administrator shall ensure that all new and currently enrolled students
19 complete the Home Language Survey.
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21 3. Determine the appropriate instructional environment for EL students.
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23 4. Provide EL students with a language assistance program that is educationally sound and
24 proven successful.
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26 5. Annually assess the English Proficiency of EL student sand monitor the Progress of
27 students in order to determine their readiness for standard instructional program.
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29 6. Monitor the progress of students that have exited the EL program.

30 **PARENTAL NOTIFICATION³**

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33 Parents of EL Students shall be given notice of , and information regarding, the instructional
34 program within the first thirty (30) days of the school year, or with in the first two weeks of a
35 student being placed in a language instruction educational program (LIEP). At a minimum, the
36 notice will include the following:

¹ Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by ESSA (Pub. L. 114-95),§ 1112(e)(3)(D)

² Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by ESSA (Pub. L. 114-95),§ 3113(b)(3)(B)

³ Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by ESSA (Pub. L. 114-95),§ 1112(e)(3)(A)

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- 2 1. The reason for identifying the child as an EL student;
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- 4 2. The child's level of English language proficiency, including how the level was assessed,
- 5 and the status of the child's academic achievement;
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- 7 3. Methods of instruction used in the program, methods of instruction in other available
- 8 programs, and how they differ;
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- 10 4. How the program meets the educational strengths and needs of the student, and how the
- 11 program will help the student reach English language proficiency and meet academic
- 12 standards;
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- 14 5. Program exit requirements, rate of transition to a standard instructional program
- 15 classroom, and expected rate of high school graduation;
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- 17 6. How the program meets the goals of an EL student with an IEP; and
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- 19 7. Information on the parents' right to withdraw the student from the program or choose
- 20 another program or method of instruction if available.
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- 22 Parental involvement will be encouraged and parents will be regularly apprised of their child's
- 23 progress.⁴

⁴ Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by ESSA (Pub. L. 114-95), § 1112(e)(3)(C)