

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: ENGLISH AS A SECOND
LANGUAGE (ESL)

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<p>1. Purpose 42 U.S.C. Sec. 2000d et seq Pol. 102, 103</p> <p>2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.26 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6801 et seq SC 1205.1, 1205.2</p> <p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 7012</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">138. ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)</p> <p>In accordance with the Board’s philosophy to provide a quality educational program to all students, the district shall provide an appropriate planned instructional program for identified students whose dominant language is not English. The goal of the program shall be to increase the English language proficiency of eligible students so that they can attain the academic standards adopted by the Board and achieve academic success. Students who have Limited English Proficiency (LEP) shall be identified, assessed and provided instruction, and shall be provided an equal opportunity to achieve their maximum potential in educational programs and extracurricular activities, consistent with federal and state laws and regulations.</p> <p>It is the policy of the Board of School Directors (“Board”) of Springfield School District (“District”) to provide all students an equal and quality education, including those who are learning English as a Second Language (ESL). The District will provide appropriate assistance to enable limited English proficient (LEP) students to progress academically while they are learning English.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the Superintendent to ascertain that the District’s curriculum meets the standards set by state and federal government agencies.</p> <p>At the beginning of each school year, the District shall notify parents/guardians of students qualifying for LEP programs regarding the instructional program and parental options, as required by law. Parents/Guardians will be regularly apprised of their student’s progress.</p> <p>Communication with parents/guardians shall include information about assessment, academic achievement and other related education issues in the language understood by the parents/guardians, whenever possible.</p> <p>The Board may contract with Delaware County Intermediate Unit No. 25 for ESL/Bilingual Education services, professional development and other relevant Programs.</p>
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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1205.1, 1205.2

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.13, 4.26, 11.11

Equal Education Opportunity Act, amending Educational Amendments of 1974 –
20 U.S.C. Sec. 1703

No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6801 et seq.

Improving Academic Achievement, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR
Part 200

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