

# VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT TWENTY FOUR

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS INSTRUCTION

Policy 6155

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The Board of Education believes that students who, by reason of foreign birth or ancestry, have limited English proficiency, will be more effective learners of both the language and the curriculum if they receive instruction in both their native language and English. The School District will therefore make every effort to provide English language learners (ELL) with an appropriate program of transitional bilingual education or free-standing English as a new language program.

Pursuant to this policy and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee is directed to develop appropriate administrative regulations so that ELL students:

- are diagnostically screened for limited English proficiency in accordance with Part 117 and 154 of the Commissioner's Regulations. Those students, who according to their scores are identified as ELL, will be annually evaluated. Included in the evaluation shall be each student's performance in content areas to measure academic progress; have access to appropriate instructional and support services, including guidance programs;
- have equal opportunities to participate in all school programs and extracurricular activities as non-ELL students; and
- are provided with the appropriate educational strategies to facilitate his/her acquisition and development of English language skills and to enable him/her to meet the standards of education of the State and the School District.

The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall be responsible for (1) providing the Commissioner with all information required under the Commissioner's Regulations and (2) providing appropriate school-related information to the parents of ELL students in English, or in the language they understand. In addition, the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall ensure that all teachers employed for any bilingual and/or ESL program are properly certified in accordance with the Commissioner's Regulations.

Ref: Education Law §3204  
Bilingual Education Act of 1974, §§701 et seq., 20 U.S.C. §§880b et seq.  
Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974, §§201 et seq., 20 U.S.C. §§1701 et seq.  
8 NYCRR §§80.9; 80.10; 117; 154 et seq.

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