

POLICY RELATING TO EDUCATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

The Wachusett Regional School District (WRSD) shall provide suitable research-based language instruction programs for all identified English language learners in grades Kindergarten through 12 in accordance with the requirements of state and federal statutes and Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) regulations and guidance.

The WRSD shall identify students whose dominant language may not be English through home language surveys that identify a primary home language other than English, observations, intake assessments, and recommendations of parents, teachers, and other persons. Identified students shall be assessed annually to determine their level of proficiency in the English language.

The WRSD shall certify to the Massachusetts DESE each year those students whose dominant language is not English, including specification of the number of non-English languages identified as dominant languages and the number and percent of students who speak each non-English language as their dominant language.

The WRSD shall provide additional information as required by the Massachusetts DESE to comply with federal law.

Legal Refs: PL114-95 Every Student Succeeds Act
42 U.S.C. 2000d (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964)
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