PROGRAM FOR LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT STUDENTS

The Board recognizes the need to provide a program for students who are limited in English proficiency in order to assure equal educational opportunity.

To that end, the Superintendent shall be responsible for developing and implementing a “Lau Plan” to meet the needs of such students, including procedures for identification, assessment, programming, monitoring or progress, exit/reclassification, follow-up, and parent notification. A Language Assessment Committee shall be appointed to assist in the coordination, oversight and periodic review of the program.

The Lau Plan shall be approved by the Board before it is submitted to the Maine Department of Education.

At the beginning of each school year, the Augusta School Department will notify parents of students identified for or participating in limited English proficiency programs about the instructional program and parent rights, as required by law. Parents will be regularly informed of their child’s progress. Whenever practicable, communications with parents will be in the language understood by the parents.

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