
PROGRAM FOR MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS

The Bangor School Committee recognizes the need to provide a program for students who are Multilingual learners. In order to ensure these students have equal educational opportunity, the Superintendent shall be responsible for developing and implementing a “Lau Plan.” The plan shall include procedures for referral, identification, assessment, program implementation, monitoring of progress, establishment of exit/reclassification criteria, requirements for yearly review, 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 Committee before it is submitted to the Maine Department of Education.

At the beginning of each school year, parents/guardians of identified students will be notified by the Bangor School Department and informed about their student’s participation in the program for Multilingual learners. Parents/guardians will be informed about the instructional program and parental rights, as required by law, and will be regularly informed of their child’s progress. Whenever practicable, communications with parents/guardians will be in the language understood by the parents/guardians.

Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964)
 20 U.S.C. § 70 (Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended)
 20 U.S.C. § 6801 et seq.
 Me. Dept. of Educ. Rule Ch. 127.02

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