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PROGRAM FOR ENGLISH SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

The Board recognizes the need to provide a program for students who are English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) in order to assure these students of equal educational opportunity.

To that end, the Superintendent shall be responsible for developing and implementing a “Lau Plan” to meet the needs of students who are English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), 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, MSAD 54 will notify parents of students identified for or participating in programs for English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) 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.

Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964)
20 U.S.C. § 6801 et seq.
Me. Dept. of Educ. Rule Ch. 127.02