**Multilingual Learners / English Learners**

The protection of Multilingual and English Learners is the obligation not to discriminate based on race, color, or national origin and requires public schools to take steps to ensure that English Learner (EL) students, English Language Learners (ELLs), or Multilingual Learners can meaningfully participate in educational programs and services. This protection includes communicating information to Limited English Parents (LEP) parents in a language they can understand.

Resources

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[U.S. Department of Education English Learner Resources](https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/school-support-and-accountability/english-language-acquisition-state-grants/resources/)

Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA) Tool Kits

* [Family Tool Kit](https://www.ncela.ed.gov/family-toolkit)
* [Newcomer Tool Kit](https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela/newcomers-toolkit/index.html)
* [English Learner Tool Kit](https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela/english-learner-toolkit)