

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

Background

The Good Spirit School Division supports the provision of English as an Additional Language (EAL) programming to students both recently arrived in Canada or Canadian born. The goal is to provide necessary supports to enable students to communicate fluently in English to complete their education.

EAL learners are speakers of other languages who require appropriate levels of English to access provincial curricula.

Definitions

1.1. Canadian-Born Learners:

- First Nations and Métis students some of whom speak a First Nations language.
- Francophone students.
- Hutterite students who are educated in schools in Hutterite communities and whose first language is German.
- Canadian-born children of newcomer families who speak a language other than English at home.

1.2 Foreign-Born Learners:

- Recently arrived immigrants.
- Refugees.
- Fee-paying and funded international visa students.

Procedures

1. Appropriate instructional programming in which attention is given to the linguistic, cultural, and academic needs of EAL learners will be implemented in all schools.
2. The Good Spirit School Division will gather and submit data with respect to EAL learners to the Ministry of Education's Student Data System annually.

2.1 For the purpose of data collection, EAL learners are students who:

- are in grades 1 – 12;
- speak a language or languages other than English and require support to gain English proficiency; and,
- have been assessed at Level B1.2 or lower on the Common Framework Reference (CFR) assessment

3. In-school administrators shall ensure:
 - 3.1. English as Additional Language (EAL) programming complies with The Ministry of Saskatchewan guidelines, as well as current regulations defining eligibility.
 - 3.2. Maintenance of EAL data and record keeping as outlined in the GSSD Handbook for Teachers of Students with English as an Additional Language.
 - 3.3. CFR levels are assigned to students in a timely manner after the initial assessment
 - 3.4. CFR levels of all EAL learners are updated each school year in accordance with the Ministry of Education's timelines.

Reference: Saskatchewan Ministry of Education document re: EAL