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## What *No Child Left Behind* Says About Programs for English Language Learners

*No Child Left Behind (NCLB) says that parents of children who are learning to speak English and who are in schools that receive Title III funds for children who have "limited English proficiency (LEP)" must be told if their child has been placed in an English language instruction program. Parents have the right to "opt out" of this placement and choose another method or program of instruction. Parents must be notified of the following:*



1. Reasons why their child has been identified as Limited English Proficient (LEP) and why their child has been placed in a LEP program.
2. The child's level of English proficiency, including how the level was determined and how well the child is doing academically.
3. The method of teaching that will be used in the program, including other program options other than the student's current placement.
4. How the program will meet the child's educational strengths /needs
5. How the program will help the child learn English and succeed in school.
6. The requirements the child must meet to leave the program, including when that will happen and when graduation from high school is expected.
7. How the program will meet objectives of an individualized education plan (IEP) for a child with a disability.
8. Parents of children who have "limited English proficiency" must be informed by the district, in writing, about their rights which include the parent's right to:
  - have their child removed immediately from a language instruction program, if they request it
  - decide not to enroll their child in such a program, or to choose another program or method of instruction, if available
  - be informed of ways the district will help them select the best program for their child.

*The district must notify parents of children in a Title III LEP program if the program has failed to help their child make progress on annual tests. Notice must be provided within 30 days after failure occurs.*

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