



### ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

#### Background

The Division supports the provision of an English as an Additional Language (EAL) program for students requiring assistance with the acquisition of basic English language skills.

#### Procedures

1. Eligibility for the program shall be determined by a student's linguistic, cultural, and academic needs.
2. The program may vary in length and intensity depending on the student's needs.
3. The program shall follow the policies, guidelines and procedures established by Alberta Education.
4. Program availability within the Division will be determined annually based upon:
  - 4.1 The number of students requiring the program;
  - 4.2 The availability of appropriate facilities and qualified staff.
  - 4.3 Program costs; and
  - 4.4 Other factors considered relevant by the Superintendent.
5. Each year Principals will submit to the Superintendent a list of students requiring EAL instruction.
6. If the number of students identified warrants the establishment of an EAL program, the Superintendent, in consultation with school-based staff, will establish a program.
7. If an appropriate program cannot be offered in the Division, arrangements may be made to purchase services from another Division.
8. Written parental approval is required before students are registered in an EAL program.

Reference: Section 3, 11, 17, 18, 33, 52, 53, 197, 222 Education Act  
Policy 1.5.1 – English as a Second Language  
Funding Manual for School Authorities