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Support Services

English Language Development (ELD)/
Limited English Proficient (LEP) Program

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The Homedale School District will identify and provide services to assist Limited English Proficient (LEP) students in achieving communicative competence and academic achievement in listening, speaking, reading and writing in the core and elective curricula. It is the policy of the district to provide special instructional programs for all students who are identified as LEP under the following criteria.

Criteria:

LEP students are identified as having a primary or home language other than English and who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Score 4 or below on the Woodcock-Muñoz Language Survey.
- Scores less than 40% on standardized test.
- Unable to perform at grade level in content areas.

The Goals of the ELD/LEP program:

- Ensure that all students have the opportunity to benefit from the district's educational programs.
- To provide a comprehensive English language development program aimed at assisting LEP students in achieving competence in reading, writing, speaking, and comprehending English.
- To ensure that all LEP students have the opportunity to participate in activities which promote positive self-image and cross-cultural understanding.
- Specific programs offered to students as needed will include ELD, CALLA, academic study skill classes, and also individual and group tutoring. The ESL staff will collaborate with content area teachers, act as an advocate with teachers and administrators to meet the needs of the LEP students.

Exiting:

The exiting process begins at grade two and continues through grade twelve. The student must demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking English, as well as exceeding the above criteria. Students are tested annually and monitored to determine if additional support is needed.

Staffing and staff development:

LEP program staff must be certified and hold an ESL or bilingual endorsement from the State of Idaho. Annual staff development will be provided through in-service or summer workshops.