#### **BRISTOL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

#### **Guidelines for English Language Learners' Support Services**

Utilize the following guidelines for support services for ELL/Bilingual students:

#### Time Allocation and Group Size:

- 1. Time allocation and minimum size for instructional groups is:
  - ❖ Grades 1-3: daily support or 4 x week max of 5 students
  - ❖ Grades 4-5: 3-4 x weekly max of 5 students
  - ❖ Grades 6-8: regular period schedule 2-3 periods weekly max of 5 students
  - ❖ Grades 9-12: full period every other day 5 to 12 students
  - ❖ Any incoming (newcomer) student demonstrating no English should be seen on a daily basis.
- 2. Frequency of sessions is dependent on students' needs and schedules
- 3. Scheduling of student's support services should make sense for the student; Do not fragment the student's day. Collaborate with school staff.
- 4. Students should not receive more than one ELL session per day.
- 5. For students receiving consult service, written communication between the ELL teacher or ELL tutor and the classroom teacher will occur as needed.

# **ELL Teachers**:

- 1. A full time ELL teacher may have a caseload of 30 students minimum. If caseloads are under the student minimum, assignments will be adjusted accordingly.
- 2. The Teachers' contract does not guarantee planning time for non-classroom teachers.

### Bilingual Support:

- 1. Eligible bilingual students are provided with bilingual tutor support as determined by the school staff.
- 2. If specific texts are not available, please contact the ELL Supervisor to purchase resources as soon as possible.

## **ELL Tutors:**

- 1. Tutors shall not work more than 20 hours per week.
- 2. Tutors will ONLY be paid for direct contact time with students. Tutors will NOT be paid for planning time or lunch. Tutors should not be given duties.
- 3. A stipend will be given for Assessment scoring, Annual Review completion, and planning. The stipend will be determined for each tutor, dependent on case load.
- 4. Attendance at Bristol's Wednesday staff meetings &/or professional development will be paid at the curriculum rate.
- 5. Tutors must submit their timesheet to the building principal for signature and then send the timesheet to the ELL supervisor every two weeks.

## Kindergarten students:

- Due to the shorter length of time in school, Kindergarten students will receive minimal push-in or consult support from the ELL or Bilingual teacher.
  - a. Minimal push-in support is during center activities where the ELL staff can monitor the language progress/participation of the student once weekly.
  - b. Consult support is between classroom and ELL teachers only. This can occur 1-2 times per marking period.
- 2. Either support depends on the results of assessment testing.
- 3. Bristol's Kindergarten is a strong pre-literacy, language & vocabulary enrichment program.

#### Administration of the LASLinks/Paperwork Completion:

1. All time needed to administer, score, and interpret the LAS-Links test, as well as the completion of the annual forms, will occur during the time allotted for that school.