

# REEDSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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REGULATION: ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

CODE: IGBI-AR

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## **Definition**

English as a Second Language (ESL) student is a child whose primary language is other than English. Further the student in question resides in a home where the primary spoken language is a language other than English.

## **Identification**

Each fall the building administration shall seek information from staff and community members as necessary to determine students that fit the definition of ESL student. The building administration will report to the district office by October 1 of each fall the number of students that fit the definition.

## **Student Plan**

The verbal and written language needs of all students meeting the definition of ESL student will be addressed.

Techniques considered in the development of an education plan for an ESL student shall be as follows:

1. For those students that Spanish is the primary language, the district staff members employed to instruct students in Spanish will be utilized to translate as necessary. Translation will be provided as appropriate for communications with the parents of the ESL students.
2. Assignment of Spanish speaking ESL students may be to a classroom with a teacher that has knowledge of Spanish as a language.
3. A primary emphasis of entering ESL students will be to immerse the child in the English language usage. This may be achieved by supportive peers that build relationships and assist the ESL student in gaining skills in speaking English.
4. Small numbers of students in a reading group with a supportive guiding adult is another technique that should be considered when constructing the education plan for an ESL student.
5. Reading Recovery is a program that is to be evaluated as being an appropriate approach to meet meeting the needs of an ESL student.

END OF REGULATION