

Preparing the Way

Teaching ELs in the Pre-K-12 Classroom



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CHAPTER ONE

Understanding the Florida Consent Decree





English learners (ELs) fastest-growing population in Pre-K-12 classrooms





14th Amendment

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"No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal

protection of the laws."



Florida Consent Decree

League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) et al. vs. State Board of Education (August 1990)



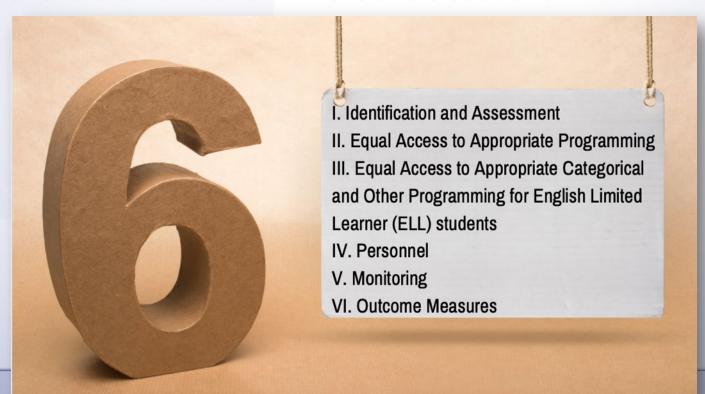
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Consent Decree addresses...

- civil rights of ELs
- equal access to educational programs

In addressing these rights, the Decree ensures delivery of comprehensible instruction. There are 6 sections:





Florida Consent Decree...

framework for
 compliance with
 federal and state laws
 for English learners

300+ languages spokenin Florida publicschools



Source: Florida Department of Education



Framework for compliance with...

- Title VI and VII Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Office of Civil Rights
 Memorandum –
 Standards for Title VI
 Compliance, 1970
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Lau v. Nichols, 1974
- Equal Education Opportunities Act of 1974



Framework for compliance with...

- Vocational Education
 Guidelines, 1979
- Castañeda v. Pickard, 1981
- Plyler v. Doe, 1982
- Americans with Disabilities
 Act (PL 94-142)
- Florida Education Equity Act,
 1984



Part I: Identification & Assessment

- Definition of English language learner (ELL)
- Identifies participants in ESOL committee
- Writing of LEP plan
- Identify and assess ELLs
- Continuous assessment



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ESOL 3 Questions on Florida's Home Language Survey:

- 1. Is a language other than English used in the home?
- 2. Does the student have a first language other than English?
- 3. Does the student most frequently speak a language other than English?

"YES" to any question determines eligibility in the ESOL program.





- Home Language Survey to collect data by state
- New students enrolled in public Pre-K-12 schools complete Survey
- Based on responses, English learners (ELs) identified/assessed on English proficiency





ESOL Part II: Equal Access to Appropriate Programming

...at English proficiency level, academic achievement, and for any special needs

...English language instruction, instruction in subject areas, AND equal/comparable to native English speakers

For every 15 ELs speaking the same language, in a public school, there is 1 ESOL trained teacher.



Source: http://www.fldoe.org/aala



Part III: Equal Access to Appropriate Categorical & Other Programs for ELLs

Equal access to programs appropriate to academic needs without regard to level of English proficiency

Data maintained by FLDOE



Part V: Monitoring Issues

FLDOE monitors school districts on compliance pursuant to federal and state law and regulations

By Bureau of Student Achievement through Language Acquisition

Program compliance, equal access, and review of program effectiveness

Complaints are investigated within 60 days

Source: Florida Department of Education



Part IV: Personnel

Teacher training through college coursework or district in-service

Decree sets standards for delivering ESOL instruction

ESOL training includes integration of ESOL in teacher education programs equivalent to 300 hours



Source: Florida Department of Education



ESOL Florida ESOL Endorsement Requirements:

- Pre-K 6 Teachers
- K-12 ESE Teachers
- 6-12 Language Arts Teachers

- = 300 hours
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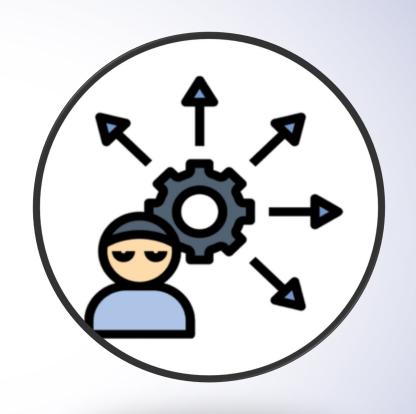




Part VI: Outcome Measures

FLDOE addresses equal access and program effectiveness

Evaluation system collects and analyzes data on progress of ELLs



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Stipulation Modifying Consent Decree

Teachers who pass ESOL certification exam must still take 120 hours of ESOL training for ESOL certification





Stipulation Modifying Consent Decree

Florida ESOL Endorsement Training:

Administrators = 60 hours

Psychologists = 60 hours

Guidance Counselors = 60 hours

(formerly 18 ESOL hours required)





Florida DOE

Bureau of Student
Achievement through
Language Acquisition

Consent Decree

Policy Linking
Language Policy to
Practice for ELs



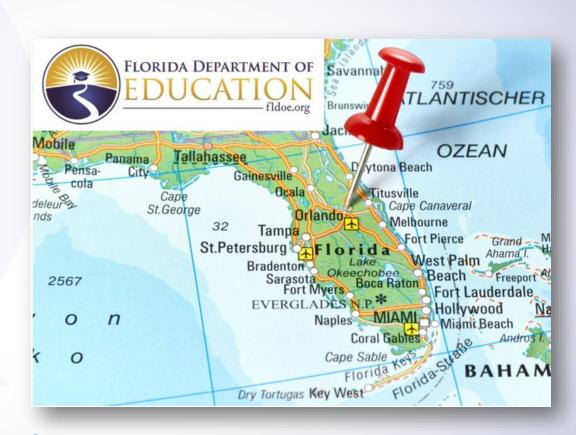


Resources for Educators in Florida:

English Language Learners

ELLevation

Florida CPALMS

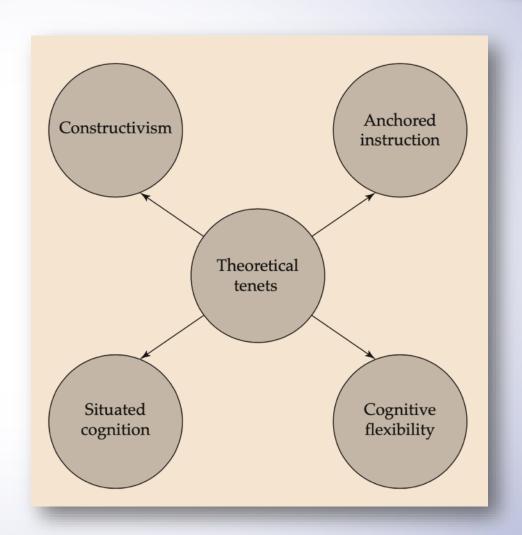


Florida Literacy Coalition

EICM

ESOL INTEGRATION CURRICULAR MODEL

The EICM was purposefully aligned to the 1990 requirements of the Florida DOE for pre-service teachers at Florida Atlantic University. It was the first program to address the legislation.





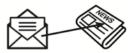
Advocacy Activity



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There are many ways to advocate for, or speak on behalf of, your English learners, such as signing a petition or speaking out to authority figures like the principal or school board members. Consider the suggestions below. Check each way you have advocated for someone or a specific group of people. Briefly jot down the details of these events.

| 1. | Letter to the Edito |
|----|---------------------|
| | Details: |
| | |



5. Sought assistance on behalf of someone in need Details:



 Stopped someone from making derogatory remarks about a person or group in conversation
 Details:



6. Advocated for someone via social media Details:



Became a member of an advocacy organization Details:



7. Contacted a government official Details:



 Taught or facilitated a workshop to educate a group Details:



8. Other? Details:

Review these resources:

Colorín Colorado

National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition



www.esolinhighered.org