# Individual Education Program (IEP) Consideration of Special Factors: English Learner (EL) Needs

Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL)



## **State Regulation**

"In the case of a child with limited English proficiency, consider the language needs of the child as those needs relate to the child's IEP;" [707 Kentucky Administrative Regulation (KAR) 1:320, Section 5 (2)(b)].





### **English Learner Needs**

Consideration of Special Factors for IEP Development	
(The ARC MUST address each question below and consider these issues in the review and revision of the IEP.)	
Does the child have limited English proficiency?	
Yes No	
If <b>Yes</b> , what is the relationship of language needs to the IEP?	

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# Guiding Questions for the Admissions and Release Committee (ARC)

- What are the language needs relating to the student's disability?
- What language(s) will be used for this student's instruction?
- How can the IEP ensure meaningful access to the general education curriculum through alternative language services and special education services?

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 How can the IEP ensure cultural relevance in the curricular framework?

# **Guiding Questions for the ARC**

- What language(s) or mode(s) of communication will be used to effectively communicate with and involve the parents and family of the student?
- How do school resources need to be configured to support the student's first and second language needs?
- What accommodations are needed for instruction and testing?
- Is there a member of the ARC who has expertise regarding the student and understands how language develops as well as strategies that can be used with an EL student?

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Do the Present Levels include the student's current level of English Language Proficiency (ELP)?



**Connecting the Puzzle** 



Does the student have annual goals consistent with the student's level of linguistic development and proficiency impact?

Does the IEP include appropriate accommodations needed for classroom and state assessments?



Have communication needs and related services been addressed?



Special Factor, ELP: Preview/review directions in primary language, translation, Special Factor, Assistive Technology: Bilingual dictionary, text to speech translator, illustrated text phrase

banks.

Present Levels: ACCESS data: Overall scores, oral language scores and written language scores; Strengths, needs and concerns in English and native/home language.

#### **Annual Goals:**

Given grade level vocabulary terms (in native language), student will identify # words that indicate narrative points of view (felt scared or estuvo asustado) from illustrated text using phrase banks with a partner in # consecutive trials.

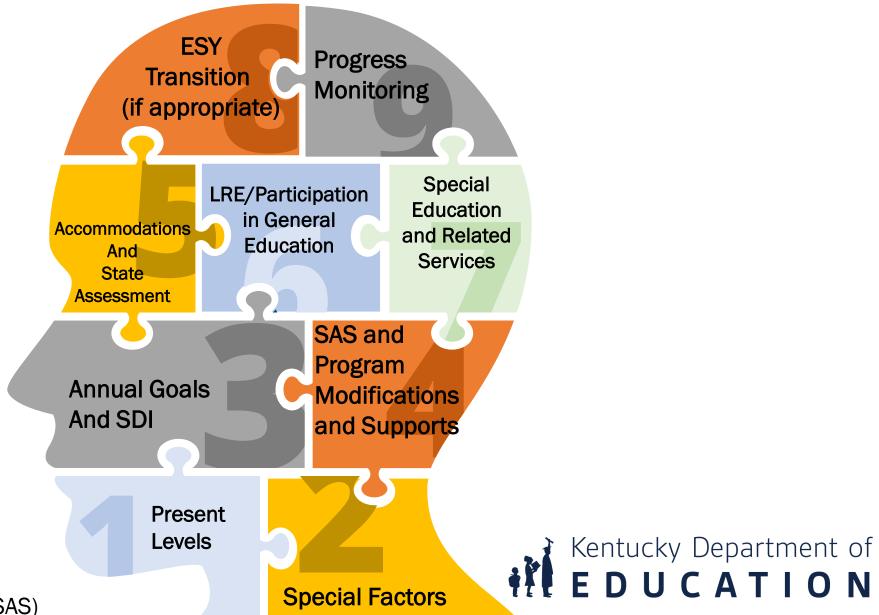
Special Education and Related Services: English as a Second Language (ESL) services.

#### English Learner



## Connecting the Puzzle

Extended School Year (ESY) Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) Specially Designed Instruction (SDI) Supplementary Aids and Services (SAS)



#### Resources

- IDEA Part B Regulations: Issued August 14, 2006 Effective October 13, 2006 (71 FR 46540)
- English Learners with Disabilities provides information and resources for districts in planning for and supporting families and individuals who are ELs with disabilities.
- Kentucky Department of Education ACCESS for ELLs contains information from the Office of Assessment and Accountability on English language proficiency assessments for EL's including the ACCESS, Alternate ACCESS and WIDA Screener.

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