

U.S. Department of Education Resources

The U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights has several resources to aid families and schools in understanding rights under U.S. law, regulation, and policy. This information is free and open to the public, and it is available in several languages. Find the main page at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html>.

- **Key highlights from the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights page on Equal Educational Opportunities for English Learners**
(<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/frontpage/pro-students/issues/roi-issue03.html>)
- **May 2014: Dear Colleague Letter – School Enrollment Procedures**
<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201405.pdf>
- **January 2015: Dear Colleague Letter – English Learner Students and Limited English Proficient Parents.**
<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-el-201501.pdf>
- **January 2015: Fact Sheet – Information for Limited English Proficient Parents and Guardians and for Schools and School Districts that Communicate with Them**
(<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-factsheet-lep-parents-201501.pdf>)
Schools and school districts must provide language information to parents of learners (regardless of whether the student is an English learner) in a language the parents understand. Furthermore, schools may not ask the learner, other students, or untrained school staff to translate or interpret. Schools must provide translations or interpretation from appropriate and competent individuals.
- **January 2015: Fact Sheet – Ensuring English Learner Students Can Participate Meaningfully and Equally in Educational Programs**
(<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-factsheet-el-students-201501.pdf>)
- **August 2021: Fact Sheet – Confronting Discrimination Based on National Origin and Immigration Status** (<https://www.justice.gov/crt/page/file/1425321/download>)

The U.S. Department of Education, Office of English Language Acquisition has several resources in support of learners and families (<https://ncela.ed.gov/resources/oela-resources>):

- **Toolkits for educators, learners, families, and schools:**
 - [Family Toolkit](#)
 - [English Learner Toolkit](#)
 - [Newcomer Toolkit](#)

- **Infographic** — [English Learners with Disabilities](#)
- **English Learner Civil Rights Brief** – [Practices to Increase Access to Advanced Coursework and Specialized Programs for Student are English Learners](#)