

Is Your Child Learning English? Know Your Family's Basic Rights in School!

1. Your Child Has the Right to Be Screened and Tested for Access to English Learner Services, Even During the Pandemic.
2. You Have the Right to Receive Communications from Your Child's School in a Language You Can Understand.
3. Your Child Has the Right to Instruction from Teachers and Aides that Helps Them Learn English and Follow Their Other Classes, Even During the Pandemic and Even when Classes are Only Online.
4. When Schools Begin to Reopen, as an English Learner, Your Child Should be Prioritized for In-Person Classes.
5. Your Student Has Rights When It Comes to Staying in Their English Learner Program. A School May Not Ask Your Child to Leave the Program Unless They Demonstrate Sufficient English Skills or You Decline English Learner Services.
6. If Your Child Has Disabilities, They Have the Right to Be Evaluated and Receive Special Education Services or Accommodations.

If your school district is not providing these services, contact your school district's English as a Second Language (ESL) or Bilingual Education Administrators for assistance related to English Learners or your school district's special education office, child study team, or case manager for assistance related to students with disabilities.

If you have questions about this flyer or about your child's or family's rights in New Jersey public schools, please call Education Law Center at 973-624-1815, ext. 30. Your call will be entirely confidential, and our advice is free of charge.

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