



ANNUAL PARENT NOTIFICATION LETTER 2026-2027 Federal Title III and State Requirements

Description of Program Placement Options and Goals for English Learners

All programs include English Language Development (ELD) and teaching strategies differentiated for each student's level of English language proficiency. These strategies are used to help each student reach proficiency in speaking, reading and writing English, and succeed academically in all core subjects.

- **Structured English Immersion (SEI):** Students who score at **less than reasonable fluency** are placed in an SEI program and are taught overwhelmingly in English. Some assistance may be provided in the primary language. Students are taught ELD and other core subjects by authorized teachers using district-adopted textbooks and supplementary materials. Instruction is based on ELD and grade-level content standards.
- **English Language Mainstream (ELM):** Students who score at **reasonable fluency** in English are placed in an ELM program. They are taught ELD and other core subjects by authorized teachers using district-adopted textbooks and supplementary materials. Instruction is based on ELD and grade-level content standards. Students receive any additional instruction needed for them to be reclassified as fluent English proficient.
- **Alternative Program (ALT):** Students with an approved "Parental Exception Waiver"**** are taught core subjects in their primary language. They receive instruction in ELD in English. Teachers must receive special training to work in such a program. They use district-adopted textbooks and supplementary instructional materials. Instruction is based on ELD and grade-level content standards. Students receive any additional instruction needed for them to be reclassified as fluent English proficient. **Parents requesting a parental exception waiver need to contact the school director, Sara Garcia at 818-514-4566 or sgarcia@lashonacademy.org.**



NOTE: At any time during the school year, you may have your child moved into the English Language Mainstream Program. Parents of ELs have a right to decline or opt their children out of school district's EL program or out of particular EL service(s) within an EL program (*20 United States Code Section 7012(a)(8), and 5 CCR Section 11301[b]*). However, LEAs are still obligated to provide the student with language acquisition services (*5 CCR Section 11302*) until the student is reclassified.

Parents/Guardians have the right to request a “Parental Exception Waiver” for an alternative program.

California law gives parents the right to request that their child be placed in an Alternative Program. To do so, you must visit your child's school to apply for a “Parental Exception Waiver” each year. Your child must meet **one** of the following requirements: a) knows English and performs academically at least at fifth grade level; b) is ten years of age or older; or c) is a student under ten years of age who has been in an English language classroom for 30 calendar days, and has special needs.