



# Ayer Shirley Regional School District

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## Identification and Placement of English Language Learners

Home language surveys are collected from all families as they register their children in the school district. Home language surveys are available in 28 languages at the MA ESE website, <http://www.doe.mass.edu/ell/hlsurvey/>.

Surveys indicate a child's primary language and are routed to the ELE staff member. If a student's primary language is other than English, the ELE staff member will assess the child using the IPT, IDEA Proficiency Test, or the WIDA MODEL. All tests are nationally normed and are commonly used to determine the level of English language proficiency.

Parents are notified in writing of their child's assessment results. If the child is recommended for ELE services, parents must sign a written permission before ELL services may be provided. Parents are also notified of their rights to opt-out of services or seek a waiver for an alternative program.

Students are placed in their general education classes after the child is registered. All students receive grade level instruction from an appropriately certified teacher who has received (or will receive) staff development in Sheltered English Immersion (SEI).

The district provides appropriate support to LEP students to ensure that they have equal access to the academic and nonacademic programs and extracurricular activities that are available to their English-speaking peers.