

## **ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)**

### **Background**

The Division will provide English as an Additional Language programming to eligible students who have recently arrived in Canada, and Alberta resident students who require special assistance in learning English as an additional language.

### **Procedures**

1. The Alberta Education EAL coding system categorizes EAL students in three ways:
  - 1.1 301 – Foreign-born students whose first language is not English and who require English language support.
  - 1.2 302 – International students who require English language support (unfunded).
  - 1.3 303 – Canadian-born students whose first language is not English and who require English language support.
2. Implementation of an appropriate instructional program in which attention is given to the linguistic, cultural, and academic needs of the student.
3. EAL programming and supports shall be provided in accordance with the Alberta Education Program of Studies and appropriate learning and teaching resources.
4. Principals shall ensure English as Additional Language (EAL) programming:
  - 4.1 Comply with Alberta Education English as an Additional Language policy, as well as current regulations defining eligibility;
  - 4.2 Ensure students are coded according to Alberta Education regulations;
  - 4.3 Ensure maintenance of EAL data and record keeping as required by Alberta Education;
    - 4.3.1 language acquisition is assessed using the Alberta K-12 EAL Proficiency Benchmarks 2.0
    - 4.3.2 the minimum annual requirement is the assessment of one strand (listening, speaking, reading or writing) along with supporting evidence
    - 4.3.3 benchmarks, tracking sheet Part A and supporting evidence (ex. copy of WAT) must be uploaded to the digital student record and be accessible for audits

4.3.4 school EAL summary sheet must be submitted to Learning Services 2 days prior to deadline in funding manual

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Reference: Section 3, 11, 17, 18, 33, 52, 53, 197, 222 Education Act  
Funding Manual for School Authorities  
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12