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BLUESKY CHARTER SCHOOL POLICY No. 5.9.2
ENGLISH LEARNING PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to promote quality instruction for English learning (EL) students and to ensure compliance with laws requiring EL programming.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

The Board of BlueSky Charter School is committed to providing an English learning program utilizing quality instruction that helps English learners achieve English language proficiency and academic success.

III. GENERAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- A. BlueSky, when enrolling one or more English learners, must implement an educational program that includes at a minimum the following requirements:
1. Identification and reclassification criteria for English learners and program entrance and exit criteria for English learners must be documented by the district, applied uniformly to English learners, and made available to parents and other stakeholders upon request;
 2. A written plan of services that describes programming by English proficiency level made available to parents upon request. The plan must articulate the amount and scope of services offered to English learners through an educational program for English learners;
 3. Professional development opportunities for ESL, bilingual education, mainstream, and all staff working with English learners which are: (a) coordinated with the district's professional development activities; (b) related to the needs of English learners; and (c) ongoing;
 4. To the extent possible, avoid isolating English learners for a substantial part of the school day; and
 5. In predominantly nonverbal subjects, such as art, music, and physical education, permit English learners to participate fully and on an equal basis with their contemporaries in public school classes provided for these subjects. To the extent possible, the district must assure to pupils enrolled in a program

for English learners an equal and meaningful opportunity to participate fully with other pupils in all extracurricular activities.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 124D.59-124D.61 (Education for English Learners Act)