

English Learner Weighted Funding and Dual Language Programs

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Review of the English learner weighted funding to determine if it would be an allowable use of these funds by school districts and charter schools to establish and operate dual language programs or determine the legislative changes necessary to do so.

- A determination of the recommended weight that would be required if a new dual language program weight was to be established for the plan.

Statutory Requirement: NRS 387.12445(8)

A public school that receives funding for one or more pupils who are English learners must use that weighted funding only to provide Zoom services. . .

Zoom Services Defined

NRS 387.12445(10)(b) Zoom Services means any one or more of the following services:

1. A prekindergarten program provided free of charge.
2. A reading skills center.
3. Professional development for teacher and other licensed educational personnel regarding effective instructional practices and strategies for pupils who are English learners.
4. Incentives for hiring and retaining teachers and other licensed educational personnel who provide zoom services.
5. Engagement and involvement with parents and families of pupils who are English learners, including, without limitation, increasing effective, culturally appropriate communications with and outreach to parents and families to support the academic achievement of those pupils.

6. A summer academy or, for those schools that do not operate on a traditional school calendar, an intersession academy provided free of charge, including, without limitation, the provisions of transportation to attend the summer academy or intersession academy.
7. An extended school day.
8. ***Any other services or programs that has a demonstrated record of success for similarly situated pupils in comparable school districts and has been reviewed and approved as a Zoom services by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.***

Topics for Future Consideration

- Do dual programs have the requisite record of success for English learners
- How much money does a dual language program cost
 - Does the English Learner weight, as is, support the program
- What does the make-up of an effective dual language program look like
- How to budget for dual language programs when only the English learners are being tracked
- Are any other states funding a dual language program with a weight