



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads
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From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Educational Services
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2024-2027 Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) Three-Year Plan

Pursuant to the regulatory requirements for Bilingual Education in New Jersey's Bilingual Education Code (N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.5), every three years local educational agencies (LEAs) must submit a plan describing the LEA's language instruction educational program (LIEP) for multilingual learners. The 2024-2025 school year is the beginning of a new three-year cycle which will end in the spring of 2027.

The LIEP Plan is an opportunity for educators to review the academic needs of their multilingual learners and the type of bilingual/primary/English language development necessary for multilingual learners to have equitable access to educational instruction, activities and programs aligned to the LEA's comprehensive equity plan (N.J.A.C. 6A:7). Multilingual learners are held to the same rigorous, standards-based curricula and assessments as their English proficient peers, as they are acquiring the English language. In developing the LIEP plan, school districts are encouraged to keep in mind all students' cultural and linguistic assets.

Centering student's language abilities will help LEAs design LIEPs that provide the foundational and grade-level skills that students need to make a successful transition to classes with their English-proficient peers. In turn, these LIEP plans help strengthen the multilingual learner's primary language, and can support students in earning the NJ [State Seal of Biliteracy](#).

The LIEP plan submission system in Homeroom is now open. The plan must be submitted by July 10, 2024. Please note that, for this cycle's submission process, all LEAs must attest whether they enroll at least one multilingual learner; this means that LEAs that do not enroll a multilingual learner, sending districts, and educational services commissions must still enter Homeroom and complete the Statement of Assurance. All LEAs that enroll at least one multilingual learner must submit a completed LIEP plan. To obtain user permissions for the LIEP plan application, contact the LEA's web user administrator.

Contact information

Please direct questions to the Title III/Bilingual/ESL Unit, Office of Supplemental Educational Programs at ML@doe.nj.gov. We look forward to partnering with you to support your multilingual learners.

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