

## **AR 4112.22          Staff Teaching English Language Learners**

### **Definitions**

English learner means a student who does not speak English or whose native language is not English and who is not currently able to perform ordinary classroom work in English. (Education Code 306)

Instruction for English language development (ELD) means instruction designed specifically for English learners to develop their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in English. (Education Code 44253.2 )

Specially designed academic instruction in English (SDAIE) means instruction in a subject area, delivered in English, that is specially designed to meet the needs of English learners. (Education Code 44253.2 )

Primary language instruction includes both primary language development designed to develop English learners' listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in their primary language and content instruction delivered in the primary language in any subject area. (Education Code 44253.2)

### **Teacher Qualifications**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all teachers possess an English learner authorization issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) authorizing ELD and/or SDAIE, as appropriate. A teacher possessing a bilingual authorization may be assigned to provide ELD, SDAIE, and/or primary language instruction.

A teacher with a designated subject teaching credential or a service credential with a special class authorization may enroll in a CTC-approved staff development program and, upon successful completion, may apply to the CTC for a Certificate of Completion of Staff Development authorizing instruction in SDAIE. (Education Code 44253.11)

The Governing Board may, for the purpose of providing primary language instruction, hire bilingual teachers who are employed in public or private schools of a foreign country, state, territory, or possession, provided such teachers speak English fluently and hold the necessary sojourn credential issued by the CTC. After the initial two-year sojourn credential expires, the teacher may annually apply to the CTC for an extension for a total period of not more than five years. Any application for renewal shall include verification by the Superintendent or designee that termination of the employment would adversely affect an existing bilingual program and that attempts to secure the employment of a qualified certificated California teacher have been unsuccessful. (Education Code 44856)

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