



Orange Township Public Schools

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Notification of Initial Placement in Bilingual/ESL Program

Name of Student: _____ Date: _____

School: _____ Grade Level: _____

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian:

Based on your child’s English proficiency test scores, level of academic achievement, and teacher recommendation, we are pleased to inform you that your child will receive instruction in our school district’s **Bilingual Program** and/or **English as a Second Language Program**. The goal of the school district’s Bilingual and/or ESL program is to help your child learn English and meet age-appropriate academic standards. Although you may request to have your child removed from the bilingual and/or ESL program, students normally participate for a period of 1 to 4 years. Multiple criteria are used in making determinations regarding when a student no longer needs program services. These criteria include:

- ✓ **English Proficiency:** ACCESS for ELLs – Overall Proficiency Level score of 4.5 for students in K – 12
- ✓ **Classroom Performance:** Completion of coursework with a “C” or higher
- ✓ **Performance on Standardized Test:** [Grade-level proficiency on NJSLA or Benchmark assessments](#)
- ✓ **Judgments of Teacher/Supervisor:** Recommendation of teachers and Decision of Supervisor

Your child’s level of English was measured using the following test: **WIDA Model**

Level of English Proficiency: _____

Your child’s level of academic achievement was measured during a records review process upon entrance. If your child has a learning disability, improvement in his/her ability to speak, read, and write in English will help meet the objectives of his/her Individualized Education Program.

Level of academic achievement based on the above assessment: _____

The method of instruction used in your child’s language assistance program is:

_____ **Bilingual Education Program** - is a full day program where students are taught by a bilingual teacher and bilingual paraprofessional. All content areas are taught by the bilingual teacher. Students participate in gym, art, music and lunch with the general population. In this program, students also receive 30-60 minutes of ESL instruction daily from an ESL certified teacher who pushes into the classroom.

_____ **English as a Second Language Program**- Students are in a monolingual classroom and receive ESL instruction by an ESL certified teacher who pushes into the classroom for 30-60 minutes daily. Some students are pulled-out for small group instruction as needed.

Please contact the below staff member in order to request additional information regarding available services or decline program services. You have the right to immediately decline program services or choose another program, if available.

Caroline A. Onyesonwu
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Parent Signature
Date: _____