

## Bedminster Township School District

Dear Parent of Guardian:

As required by Federal and State law, Bedminster Township School District has established an ESL (English as a Second Language) Program. Your child \_\_\_\_\_ has been identified as being Limited English Proficient on the basis of our district's standardized language proficiency test. This test classifies students into five proficiency groups. According to the test results, your child falls into the group checked below:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Beginner**
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Lower Intermediate**
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Upper Intermediate**
4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Advanced**
5. \_\_\_\_\_ **Full English Proficiency**

Your child is a \_\_\_\_\_ new, \_\_\_\_\_ returning student and will receive the services checked below:

\_\_\_\_\_ ESL – English as a Second Language which will teach students the listening, speaking, reading and writing skills necessary for success in school. ESL classes are conducted for a minimum of 30 minutes or one class period each day. Your child will usually spend the rest of his or her day in the regular classroom with the other students. Approximately one-third of our ESL students exit the program each year and the length of time most students spend in the program can vary from one to three years, depending on the student's individual progress.

The goal of all of our programs is to have our child exit from the ESL program, spend his or her entire day in the regular classroom and make progress towards meeting high educational standards. Your child will be reevaluated at the end of each school year to determine if he or she is ready to exit from the program. Students who reach full English proficiency and are making acceptable progress in the classroom and towards meeting state academic standards will be recommended for exit from the program. Students with learning or other disabilities may also be included in the ESL program and their needs will be accommodated by following their individual Educational Programs.

You, as a parent or guardian have the right to decline these services being offered to your child. However, participation in this program will help your child succeed in school and your child's academic progress may be slowed should he or she not participate in this program. If you do not wish your child to participate in this program, please send a letter to your child's principal or guidance counselor within 5 days of receiving this notice.

Please sign on e copy of this notice below and return it to your child's school. By signing this notice, you are only saying that you have received and read the notice. This is not a permission slip, and you are not accepting or refusing any services by signing this notice.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Andrew Rinko, Superintendent

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_