

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF BROOKLINE
Brookline, Massachusetts

Enrollment in Native Language Support Programs

Native Language Support Programs (NLSPs) provide English language services to students who speak any of the following languages: Chinese, Hebrew, Japanese, Korean, Russian, or Spanish. Specific schools in the system have been designated to house our NLSPs.

Baker School	Korean	Lawrence School	Japanese
Devotion School	Hebrew	Lincoln School	Japanese
Driscoll School	Russian	Pierce School	Chinese
		Runkle School	Spanish

Speakers of these languages who require English language support are eligible to enroll in the school that houses the appropriate NLSP regardless of their established residence in Brookline or they can enroll in their neighborhood school.

Teachers in our Native Language Support Programs are native speakers of their students' primary language and also speak English fluently. They are all highly qualified to provide English language development instruction to their students. Instruction is predominantly in English; the native language is used to provide additional explanation or for clarification purposes only.

For families who do not live in the neighborhood of the school that houses the NLSP their child(ren) needs and they choose to enroll their child(ren) in that NLSP, please note that the Superintendent of Schools reserves the right to have these students return to their neighborhood schools upon exiting from the Native Language Support Program.

Example: if a child's native language is Hebrew and a parent/guardian chooses for that child to attend Devotion School where s/he can receive English language development instruction in our Hebrew Native Language Support Program but the family lives in the Pierce School neighborhood, the Superintendent may have the family enroll their child at Pierce School once s/he no longer requires the Hebrew NLSP.

Reasons a child may no longer require the services provided in Native Language Support Programs:

- The child has met the program's exit criteria and has been reclassified as fluent English proficient (FEP).
- The needs of the child have been determined not to be related to his/her acquisition of the English language and thus can no longer be met through the English Language Learners Program. The child will receive services from another program in the district, if available.

If families must return to their neighborhood school, it will only be at the beginning of an academic year. Children will not be asked to transfer schools at any point during a school year. The Superintendent's Office will notify families between June 1st and August 1st each year with decisions expected to be in effect by September of the approaching school year.

► Parents/guardians must acknowledge:

If they choose to enroll their child(ren) in a Native Language Support Program that is not located in the neighborhood where the family resides, the Superintendent of Schools may have them enroll in their neighborhood school upon their child(ren)'s completion of the Native Language Support Program.

If you would like to discuss these guidelines, please contact the ELL Program at 617-264-6413 or the Superintendent's Office at 617-730-2401.