

Video Presentations: Policies, Practices, Professionalism

[A day in the life of a multilingual high school \(Philadelphia\) \(2:47 min\)](#) Education Week: At Pennsylvania's Upper Darby High School in suburban Philadelphia, more than 15 languages are spoken in a student body of nearly 4,000. To help support such a diverse array of English-language learners, the school created a peer tutoring program.

[English language learners in the era of the Common Core State Standards-J. Cummins \(4:19 min\)](#)

A video series by J. Cummins examines the impact of the Common Core State Standards. He provides an historical perspective, educational ideologies, and recommendations for increasing English learners' academic engagement and development.

[Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\) and ELs \(Wayne Wright\) YouTube \(19:26 min.\)](#)

NCLB was replaced by ESSA as the latest reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Dr. Wayne E. Wright, Purdue University professor, addresses how this federal education policy is different, and discusses the implications for English Language Learners.

[ESSA explained \(3.38min\)](#)

According to Education Week, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) rolls back much of the federal government's footprint in education policy, on everything from testing and teacher quality to low-performing schools. And it gives leeway to states in calling the shots.

[YouTube presentations on three landmark cases for ESOL](#)

Lau v. Nichols (1974) (9.47 min)

Casteñeda v. Pickard (1981) (4.26 min)

Plyler v. Doe (1982) (7.21 min)

[Legal Issues in ESOL \(5:38 min\)](#)

Peter Roos, former co-director of Multicultural Education, Training and Advocacy (META), discusses the educational rights of multilingual learners. He provides an historical overview of programs and provisions for the education of English learners from national to state level, including the Florida Consent Decree.

[Meyer v. Nebraska \(1:42 min\)](#)

In this case, the Court faced a Nebraska law prohibiting teachers from using any language other than English to teach students below the 8th grade. The law was passed by a legislature concerned that German immigrants to Nebraska would not learn English first. The Court ruled the law unconstitutional as violating the 14th Amendment right of parents and teachers to teach the children what they think appropriate.

[ESOL in Higher Ed](#)

A resource for all teachers of English learners or multilingual learners. Several videos regarding the laws and policies for ELs are uploaded here.