

# Teaching English Learners in the P - 12 Classroom



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#### **CHAPTER ONE**

#### **Understanding the Florida Consent Decree**





# English language learners (ELLs) fastest-growing population in P-12 classrooms



"No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal

protection of the laws."

ESOL



http://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/amendmentxiv

### League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) et al. vs. State Board of Education (August 1990)



Source: http://www.fldoe.org/aala/

ESOL

- > civil rights of ELLs
- > equal access to educational programs

In addressing these rights, the Decree ensures delivery of comprehensible instruction. There are 6 sections:



I. Identification and Assessment
II. Equal Access to Appropriate Programming
III. Equal Access to Appropriate Categorical and Other Programming for English Limited
Learner (ELL) students
IV. Personnel
V. Monitoring
VI. Outcome Measures



#### Florida Consent Decree...

framework for
compliance with
federal and state laws
for English Language
Learners

300+ languages spoken in Florida public schools



Source: Florida Department of Education

## **ESOL** Framework for compliance with...

- Title VI and VII Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Office of Civil Rights Memorandum Standards for Title VI Compliance, 1970
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Lau v. Nichols, 1974
- Equal Education Opportunities Act of 1974

# ESOL Framework for compliance with...

- Vocational Education Guidelines, 1979
- Castañeda v. Pickard, 1981
- Plyler v. Doe, 1982
- Americans with Disabilities Act (PL 94-142)
- Florida Education Equity Act, 1984

# ESOL Part I: Identification & Assessment

- Definition of English Language Learner (ELL)
- Identifies participants in ESOL committee
- Writing of ESOL (LEP) plan
- Identify and assess ELLs
- Continuous assessment



## ESOL 3 Questions on Florida's Home Language Survey

- 1. Is a language other than English used in the home?
- 2. Does the student have a first language other than English?
- 3. Does the student most frequently speak a language other than English?

"YES" to any question determines eligibility in the ESOL program.



- Home Language Survey to collect data
- New students enrolled in public P-12 schools complete Survey
- Based on responses, ELLs identified/assessed on English proficiency



...at English proficiency level, academic achievement, and for any special needs

...English language instruction, instruction in subject areas, AND equal/comparable to native English speakers

#### For every 15 ELLs speaking the same language, in a public school, there is 1 ESOL trained teacher.



Source: http://www.fldoe.org/aala

#### Part III: Equal Access to Appropriate Categorical & Other Programs for ELLs

Equal access to programs appropriate to academic needs without regard to level of English proficiency

#### Data maintained by FLDOE.



FLDOE monitors school districts on compliance pursuant to federal and state law and regulations

through the Bureau of Student Achievement through Language Acquisition (SALA)

Program compliance, equal access, and review of program effectiveness

Complaints are investigated within 60 days

Source: Florida Department of Education



**Part IV: Personnel** 

Teacher training through college coursework or district in-service

Decree sets standards for delivering ESOL instruction



ESOL training includes integration of ESOL in teacher education programs equivalent to 300 hours

Source: Florida Department of Education

# ESOL Florida ESOL Endorsement Requirements:

- P-6 Teachers
- K-12 ESE Teachers
- 6-12 Language Arts Teachers

- = 300 hours
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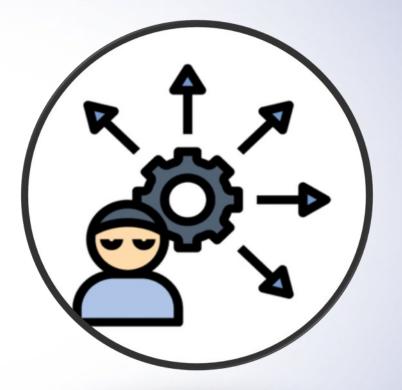




#### Part VI: Outcome Measures

FLDOE addresses equal access and program effectiveness

Evaluation system collects and analyzes data on progress of ELLs



## **ESOL** Stipulation Modifying Consent Decree

Teachers who pass ESOL certification exam must still take 120 hours of ESOL training for ESOL certification



# ESOL Stipulation Modifying Consent Decree

#### **Florida ESOL Endorsement Training:**

60 hours

- Administrators = 60 hours
- Psychologists
- Guidance Counselors = 60 hours

(formerly 18 ESOL hours required)





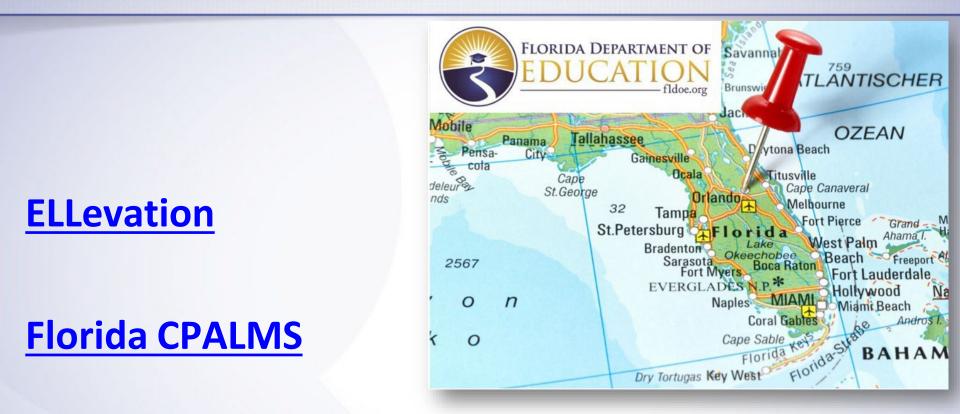


#### Bureau of Student Achievement through Language Acquisition

#### **Consent Decree**



## **ESOL** Resources for Educators in Florida:



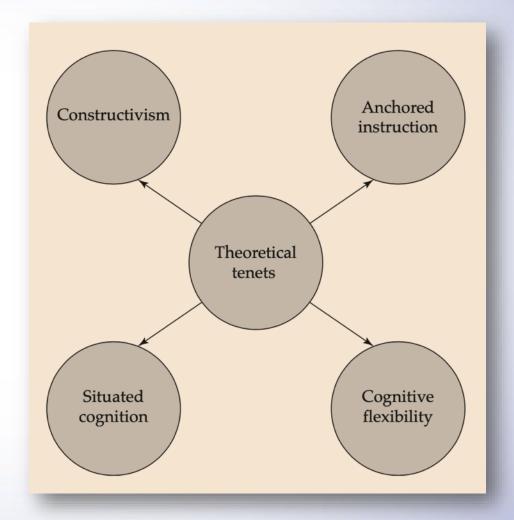
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#### **EICM**

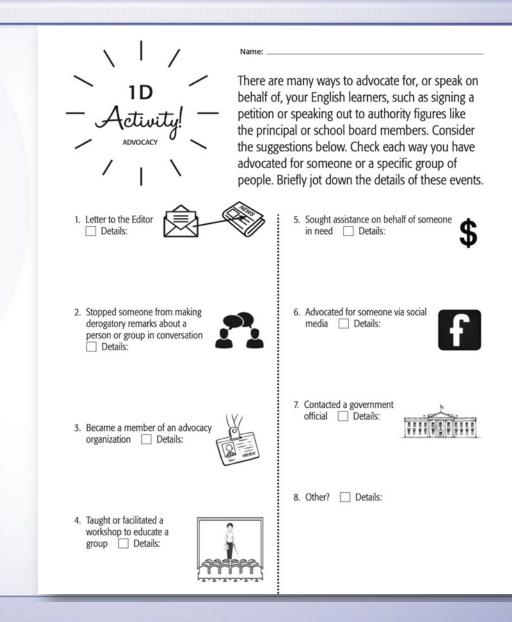
## ESOL INTEGRATION CURRICULAR MODEL

The EICM was purposefully aligned to the 1990 requirements of the Florida DOE for pre-service teachers at Florida Atlantic University. It was the first program to address the legislation.



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#### Advocacy Activity





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