

Re: ELL children having access to EC services

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The following is a Q and A response from Melanie Stuart, at KSDE in an email dated 10/18/06.

Question: We have a Spanish speaking preschooler coming to us from Florida. Are we required by law to provide ELL services to preschoolers?

Answer: "So, the answer is (straight from our legal department): If your district offers a Pre-K program to English proficient students, then services for the ELL should also be available (or else it's considered 'discrimination' under the 'equal protection' law).

This ruling therefore does have application to our preschool programs in that if the student were to qualify for EC services then we would be obligated to provide ELL services.