

**Executive Numbered Memo 007-2011-12 - ELL Participation in annual English Language Proficiency Assessment (Revision to Executive Numbered Memo 006-2009-10)**

April 2, 2012

**TO:** All School District Superintendents, Title III Directors

**RE:** Revision to Executive Numbered Memorandum 006-2009-10 – ELL Participation in annual English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA)

**Summary**

**This is a revision to the ODE Executive Numbered Memorandum 006-2009-10 – ELL Participation in annual English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA).** As required by ESEA Title III, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) requires that all English Language Learners (ELLs), also known as Limited English Proficient (LEP) students, participate annually in Oregon’s English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA). **Please see the bolded text below for revisions to the Memorandum.**

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title III, §3116(3) SEC. 3116. LOCAL PLANS© annually measuring the English proficiency of limited English proficient children, so that such children served by the programs carried out under this part develop proficiency in English while meeting State academic content and student academic achievement standards as required by section 1111(b)(1).

*Further federal guidance can be found in the October 17, 2008 federal register.*

The following state policy is in effect immediately and will be used in the **2011-12** Annual Measurable Achievement Objective (AMAO) reports:

All eligible ELLs, **who are enrolled during the official English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) testing window**, are required to participate in the ELPA. Eligible students who did not participate in the ELPA, **but were enrolled and present anytime during the official ELPA testing window**, will be included in the district AMAO report as not making sufficient gains in proficiency as defined by AMAO1. AMAO1 measures whether students gain one or more proficiency level(s) annually. **Identified ELL students who are enrolled and present anytime** but do not participate in ELPA will be included in the denominator of the **AMAO 1** calculation. Their gain will be included in the **AMAO 1** numerator as a zero (0). **The ODE defines the official ELPA testing window as the dates posted on the Oregon Statewide Testing Schedule, located in the Oregon [Test Administration Manual](#).**

This policy regarding the ELL student participation in the annual ELPA ensures that Oregon is compliant with ESEA Title III rules and guidance.

ODE will provide technical assistance to districts as they work to meet the expectations of this policy. Please contact [Kim Miller](#) or Carmen West should you have any questions or need further information.

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