



**From the Office of English Language Acquisition Services:**

In November 2000, Arizona voters passed Proposition 203 which stated that all children in Arizona public schools shall be taught in English by being taught in English and all children shall be placed in English classrooms.

Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) 15-756 explicitly account for the identification, assessment, and program enrollment of English language learners. Additionally, ARS 752 states, "all children in Arizona public schools shall be taught English by being taught in English and all children shall be placed in English language classrooms. Children who are English learners shall be educated through sheltered English immersion."

The requirements of Section 752 may be waived with the prior written informed consent, to be provided annually, of the child's parents or legal guardians. The circumstances in which a parental exception waiver may be applied are specific:

1. Children who already know English
2. Older children
3. Children with special individual needs

**OELAS will continue to monitor for these waivers in the implementation of dual language and bilingual programs for English learners in the upcoming school year, 2023-2024.**

**It is the duty of this office to uphold the law (Proposition 203) and to work tirelessly in the instruction and reclassification of Arizona's English language learners.**