



**PARENTAL EXCEPTION WAIVER FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS**  
**2010-2011 School Year**

**In order to accept an alternative primary language program assignment  
(i.e. Dual Language Immersion, Biliteracy or Newcomer),  
please complete and return this form to your assigned school when you register your child.**

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_  
School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Waiver Request \_\_\_\_\_

I am the parent/guardian of the child named above. I have personally visited my child's school and have been provided with a full description of the programs, the educational materials to be used in each program, and the educational opportunities available to my child.

I request a waiver of the requirement that my child be placed in a structured English immersion (English Plus) program. I request, instead, that my child be placed in an alternative primary language program in which some of the instruction, textbooks and materials are provided in my child's native language. I believe that an alternative primary language program best meets my child's educational needs. I understand that it is my choice whether to request a waiver, and that I have the right to refuse to agree to a waiver if I so choose.

Reason for waiver request (to be confirmed by school district):

- My child has one or more of the following special educational needs that make an alternative primary language program (i.e. Dual Language Immersion, Biliteracy or Newcomer) better suited to my child's overall educational development (mark all that apply):
  - Learning the home language and English will help my child have access to the core curriculum.
  - Being bilingual and biliterate will help my child be academically prepared for the global society in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
  - My child has the capacity to learn more than one language.
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- My child has special physical, emotional, or psychological needs that make an alternative primary language program better suited to my child's overall educational development. Please describe your child's needs: \_\_\_\_\_
- My child already knows English. (*The student already possesses good English language skills, as measured by standardized tests of English vocabulary comprehension, reading and writing, in which the student scores above the state average for his/her grade level or at or above the fifth-grade average, whichever is lower.*)
- My child is at least ten years old. (*The student is age 10 years or older, and it is the informed belief of the school principal and educational staff that an alternative primary language program would be better suited to the student's rapid acquisition of basic English skills.*)

**I request a waiver of the structured English immersion (English Plus) program and I understand that I must request a waiver each year for my child to continue to participate in an alternative primary language program.**

Signature of parent/guardian	Date	Received by	Date
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I believe that an alternative primary language program would be better suited to the above-named child's overall educational development.

- Waiver request examined and approved.
- Waiver request examined and rejected. Parent has been informed in writing of the reason(s) for the rejection and has been informed of the procedure for appeal.

Principal's Signature	Date
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