

**§4701. English as language of instruction**

The language of instruction in elementary and secondary schools shall meet these requirements. [PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. C, §§ 5, 7 (NEW).]

**1. Basic language.** The basic language of instruction in all schools shall be the English language. [PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. C, §§ 5, 7 (NEW).]

**2. Exceptions.** A school may provide instruction in a language other than English in the following circumstances, subject to approval of the commissioner:

A. Transitional instruction using bilingual techniques may be provided to students of limited proficiency in English; and [PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. C, §§ 5, 7 (NEW).]

B. Schools may also establish bilingual programs for the purpose of providing proficiency in both English and a 2nd language. [PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. C, §§ 5, 7 (NEW).]  
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**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1983, c. 859, §§C5,C7 (NEW).

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