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The Superintendent of Schools, or his/her designee, shall ascertain annually the number of children of limited and non-English speaking ability within the school district and classify them according to their dominant language and report them to the Board of Education.

All English language learners are required to be assessed annually in English language proficiency and reported to the State Department of Education.

If it is determined that the school system has twenty or more limited or non-English speaking children in a given language, in a given school, who would benefit from developing mastery of the English language through a bilingual program, the Superintendent is directed to develop a program of bilingual education for such eligible children for the next school year. The plan shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Education for review.

A student will be exempted from the bilingual program upon receipt of a written request for exemption from his/her parent or guardian.

Certification requirements may be waived for bilingual teachers, as provided by law.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 10-14q Exceptions (as amended by P.A. 02-7, 5/9/02 Special Session)
 10-17 English language to be medium of instruction. Exception.
 10-17a Establishment of bilingual and bicultural program.
 10-17d Application for and receipt of federal funds.
 10-17e Definitions.
 10-17f Required bilingual education (as amended by P.A. 98-168 & P.A. 01-205 and P.A. 05-290)
 10-17g Application for grant. Annual evaluation report.
 10-76e Definitions
 10-146f Waiver of certification requirements for bilingual teachers.
 State Board of Education Regulations
 10-17h-1 to 10-17h-15. Programs of bilingual education
 P.A. 99-211. An Act Improving Bilingual Education.
 Title VII of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, P.L. 103-382

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