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LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL DIFFERENCES AT HOME

You know there are students at your primary or secondary school who are from families where the language and cultural norms are different to those at school. And, you think these differences may be impacting the literacy and numeracy achievement of these students.

ENGLISH AS A NEW LANGUAGE

There are a number of students at your school who speak other languages and you want to learn more about how to teach them English.

A student at your school is a new learner of English and this is impacting their ability to learn.

Help available

The home school partnership programme

The home school partnership programme works to develop a mutually beneficial partnership between home and school.

School support literacy advisers provide support and guidance for teachers and principals in primary and secondary schools. They also provide professional development for teachers in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

Individual funding is available for students who need English language programmes. Educational resources are also available for these students.

How to get it

You can find out more about the programme by going to the Te Kete Ipurangi (TKI) website: www.tki.org.nz

Look in the TKI communities and select: *Literacy and online.*

You can get advisory support through the school support literacy advisers. Contact them through your local College of Education.

You need to fill out an assessment form and an application form for each student who is eligible to receive funding. There are different forms for refugees and for migrants and for New Zealand-born students whose parents are migrants. These forms need to be sent into the Ministry of Education before the twice-yearly closing dates.

For more information go to the Ministry of Education website: www.minedu.govt.nz and search using, *English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).*

What to expect

Teachers and parents are trained to deliver sessions for parents and families that will empower them to help their children develop their language and learning skills.

School support literacy advisers focus on classroom practice. ESOL help can greatly benefit schools that are new to this area of teaching and advice includes the appropriate use of new resource materials.

A student may be funded to receive English language programme support for up to five years, depending on their circumstances.

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OTHER SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES

A student at your school is from a refugee background and they are having trouble enrolling or adjusting to learning at school.

OTHER SUPPORT FOR MIGRANTS

You are concerned about a student at your school who is a new migrant and who is having trouble enrolling or adjusting to learning.

Help available

If students in this group aren't making the expected level of progress in English language programmes, bi-lingual assessment services are available.

Regional refugee coordinators provide information and assistance with the enrolment, placement and adjustment of these students.

If your school has a large number of students with a refugee background, you may also be able to apply to the Flexible Funding Proposals pool, or the Refugee Pathways and Careers pool.

This funding would be used to address some of the broader issues that may prevent refugee students from participating and achieving at school.

Regional migrant education coordinators operate in Wellington, Auckland, Hamilton and Christchurch, alongside the refugee education coordinators, to provide support for migrant students.

How to get it

You can make an initial referral through RTLB.

Contact RTLB through the system established by the local cluster, or by contacting the RTLB cluster convenor.

These coordinators are based in Ministry of Education regional offices in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington and Christchurch. You can find their contact details on the Ministry of Education website: www.minedu.govt.nz

You should contact regional refugee coordinators or the national refugee coordinator for further details of how to access this funding.

Contact details can be found on the Ministry of Education website: www.minedu.govt.nz

You can find contact details of regional migrant education coordinators on the Ministry of Education website: www.minedu.govt.nz

What to expect

A bi-lingual assessment can distinguish between language learning needs, additional special learning needs, and social/emotional needs.

As well as help with enrolment, placement and adjustment of these students, the coordinator may also give schools information about refugee education and provide ongoing support. They may also liaise with families and community groups.

These funds can be used for initiatives such as homework programmes, employing liaison workers, or coordinating support, creating individual education plans for students, or individual career pathways.

Coordinators help schools work with students from a migrant background, help promote a partnership between schools, families and communities and provide education information to migrant communities.