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Providing Meaningful Access to the Child Nutrition Programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) [Food and Nutrition Service \(FNS\) Instruction 113-1](#) requires local educational agencies (LEAs) that participate in the federally funded Child Nutrition Programs to take responsible steps to ensure meaningful access to their programs and activities for English learners. The USDA defines English learners as individuals who do not speak English as their primary language and who have a limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English.

The attached list of taglines may be useful for LEAs when communicating with parents and guardians within the school district or institution. The purpose of the taglines is to inform the parent/ guardian, in the appropriate language, of who to contact within the district or institution if they need language assistance services.

The sample taglines below are in the most common non-English languages spoken by English Language Learners, as reported to the New York State Education Department. As of school year 2020-2021, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Bengali, and English are the top five languages spoken at the home of English Language Learners.

LEAs are encouraged to send the taglines to all households at the beginning of the school year with information about free and reduced priced meals, and any time a new student registers with the district. LEAs should also have a plan in place to meet the language needs of parents/guardians who contact the district or institution to request language assistance services.

The sample taglines provided may be edited as needed. The link to translated versions of the USDA nondiscrimination statement have also been provided for your use.

USDA Nondiscrimination Statement

English

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