

281—98.16(257,280) English learner weighting. English learner weighting provides funding in addition to the student count that generates general purpose revenues and is for the purpose of providing funding for the excess costs of instruction of English learners above the costs of instruction of pupils in a regular curriculum. In addition, the school budget review committee may grant a modified supplemental amount to continue funding of the excess costs beyond the five years of weighting. Funding for the English learner weighting and the modified supplemental amount for English learner programs are both categorical funding and may have different restrictions than the federal English learner funding.

98.16(1) *Appropriate uses of categorical funding.* Appropriate uses of funding for the English learner program are those that are direct costs of providing instruction that supplement, but do not supplant, the costs of the regular curriculum. These expenditures include salaries and benefits of teachers and paraeducators; instructional supplies, textbooks, and technology; classroom interpreters; support services to students served in English learner programs above the services provided to pupils in regular programs; support services to instructional staff such as targeted professional development, curriculum development or academic student assessment; and support services provided to parents of English learners and community services specific to English learners.

98.16(2) *Inappropriate uses of categorical funding.* Inappropriate uses of funding for the English learner program include indirect costs, operational or maintenance costs, capital expenditures other than equipment, student transportation, administrative costs, or any other expenditures not directly related to providing the English learner program beyond the scope of the regular classroom.

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