

**281—98.16 (257,280) Limited English proficiency (LEP) weighting.** Limited English proficiency 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 limited English proficiency students above the costs of instruction of pupils in a regular curriculum. In addition, the school budget review committee may grant modified allowable growth to continue funding of the excess costs beyond the four years of weighting. Funding for the limited English proficiency weighting and the modified allowable growth for limited English proficiency programs are both categorical funding and may have different restrictions than the federal limited English proficiency funding.

**98.16(1) *Appropriate uses of categorical funding.*** Appropriate uses of funding for the limited English proficiency program are those that are direct costs of providing instruction which supplement, but do not supplant, the costs of the regular curriculum. These expenditures include, but are not limited to, salaries and benefits of teachers and paraeducators; instructional supplies, textbooks, and technology; classroom interpreters; support services to students served in limited English proficiency 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 limited English proficiency students and community services specific to limited English proficiency.

**98.16(2) *Inappropriate uses of categorical funding.*** Inappropriate uses of funding for the limited English proficiency program include, but are not limited to, 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 limited English proficiency program beyond the scope of the regular classroom.

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