

Bemidji Limited English Proficient Program:

Bemidji served 14 Limited English Proficient (LEP) students in 2015-2016 in seven schools. The LEP Program currently includes one fully licensed ESL Teacher/Coordinator teaching students in grades K-12 with a pull out model and some push-in services. Title I supports the Bemidji program by providing funds to purchase appropriate listening speaking, reading, or writing materials. Bemidji's LEP program follows best practices in the teaching of listening, speaking, reading, and writing English. Curriculum, materials, and teaching methods are based upon each ELL's goals and objectives on their individualized EL Plan, which will be based upon the Minnesota Department of Education WIDA standards.

Bemidji Area Schools offers comprehensive special education support to all IEP students with a variety of disabilities. Title I supports special education students, but it does not supplant those services. Special education students are served first and foremost through special education funding with qualified special education teachers.

The Bemidji area does not attract or serve a migrant population.

Bemidji has a small English Language Learner population. Our English as a Second Language teacher works closely with her students' families. She communicates information about parent and student events, and how to better help their children adjust to school. If information needs to be presented in the native language, she finds a translator to provide that. We are fortunate to have Bemidji State University in our community because they provide tutors for many languages.