

TEMECULA VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL
Board Policy

English Language Learners and Special Education Credential Requirements

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Pursuant to Ed. Code section 44253.1, it is the policy of Temecula Valley Charter School (TVCS), that pupils with special needs must be taught by teachers who have essential skills and knowledge related to English language development, specially designed content instruction delivered in English, and content instruction delivered in the pupils' primary languages.

Therefore, TVCS shall ensure that a teacher with a basic teaching credential assigned to provide specially designed content instruction delivered in English, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 44253.2, to limited-English-proficient pupils, shall be so assigned only if both of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The teacher, as of January 1, 1999, is a permanent employee of a school district, county office of education, or school administered under the authority of the Superintendent, or was previously a permanent employee and then was employed in a school district within 39 months of the previous permanent status, or has been employed in a school district with an average daily attendance of not more than 250 for at least two years.
- (2) The teacher completes 45 clock hours of staff development in methods of specially designed content instruction delivered in English before January 1, 2008. The extension of the date by which a teacher is required to complete this staff development shall not be construed as authorizing teachers to teach limited-English-proficient pupils without a certificate issued pursuant to this section or Sections 44253.3 and 44253.4.
 - a. The staff development may be sponsored by any school district, county office of education, or regionally accredited institution of higher education that meets the standards included in the guidelines established pursuant to Ed. Code section 44253.10(b) or any organization that meets those standards and is approved by the commission.
 - b. Any equivalent three semester unit or four quarter unit class may be taken by the teacher at a regionally accredited institution of higher education to satisfy the staff development requirement described in either subdivision (a) or (d), or both.