Over 125,000 of Colorado’s PK-12 students are English language learners (14% of the total PK-12 population. For students leaning English, Colorado’s ELPA (English Language Proficiency Act), provides funding for a maximum five years. Pre-Kindergarten students are served by school districts but are not eligible for ELPA funding. Colorado’s students speak over 235 languages.

In FY 2016-17, districts funded about 78% of English Learner services. The state and federal share was about 22%. (Source JBC Education Briefing Document, Table B, December 2018)