In 2014, the Colorado legislature increased the number of English learner students who received funding from the English Learner Program, but did not increase the program funding.

**Prior to 2014:**
- Funded students for 2 years.
- Approximately $427 per student.

**After 2014:**
- Funded students for 5 years.
- Approximately $145 per student.

Colorado has over 126,000 students who are English language learners, about 14% of the total K-12 population. Our students speak over 235 languages.

In 2014-15, districts funded about 80% of English Learner services. The state and federal share was about 20%. Source: JBC Education Briefing Document, Table B, December 7, 2016.