

SAMPLE

Decline English Language Development (ELD) Program

School _____

Date _____

The goal of the ELD program is to improve your child's academic English to help him/her be successful in school. The program works to develop student's proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing in English.

To decline the ELD program for your child, please check the box below, insert your child's name, read the confirmations, sign and date the bottom. Submit this form to your child's school.

I decline participation in the ELD Program for my child _____.

When declining the ELD program services, I confirm that I understand:

- *my child will not be supported by a certified EL teacher who is knowledgeable in second language acquisition,*
- *the USED Office of Civil Rights requires school districts to provide language development instruction within the regular education setting, regardless of parental decline of the ELD program,*
- *my child will continue to be identified as an English learner until (s)he meets the reclassification criteria set forth by the ND Department of Public Instruction,*
- *an Individualized Language Plan is written to address my child's linguistic needs in the regular education setting,*
- *Federal and State laws require my child's English language proficiency to be assessed annually to ensure improvement and allow for reclassification, and*
- *the decline of participation in the ELD program form must be signed annually.*

Parent/Guardian

Date