



# MIDDLEBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## Parents' Choice to Opt Out of English Language Program

Student Name:		Grade:	
School:		Date:	

This is the district policy regarding a parent or guardian's choice to deny their child's entry into the *Sheltered English Immersion* (SEI) program in the Middleborough Public Schools:

*Parents may notify the district of their wish to have their child "opt-out" of the Sheltered English Immersion Program. The district will place the student in an English language general education classroom and document the parent/guardian's notice in the student's file. Our district encourages parents to allow their children to participate in ELL programs for a limited time before they make a final determination to "opt-out" of the program.*

*The Middleborough Public Schools will continue to keep parents apprised of their child's progress. Federal law establishes a district's obligation to provide LEP students with meaningful access to the educational program. When a parent declines his/her child's participation in a formal language instruction program, the district must continue to monitor the educational progress of the student to ensure that the student has an equal opportunity to have his/her English language and academic needs met.*

After meeting with the principal and ELL staff at your child's school and discussing the possible repercussions of your decision, you may sign this "opting-out" form.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ have decided to deny my child entry into the *Sheltered English Immersion Program* in the Middleborough Public Schools. I understand that my child's progress will be monitored and alternative educational plans will be developed to make sure that his/her academic and language needs are being addressed.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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