

English-only movement ^[1]

Type of Speech:

noun ^[2]

Definition:

Movement to make English the only language used in U.S. public education. English-only proponents argue that bilingual education and bilingualism threaten a sense of national identity and create divisions along ethnic lines.

See also [bilingual education](#) ^[3].

Additional Information:

In 1998, California passed Proposition 227: an "English for the Students" initiative, replacing bilingual education with a requirement that all public school instruction be conducted in English with the possibility of a one-year intensive, sheltered English immersion program.

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