

# Order

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Chief Justice

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Trial Court Requirements for Providing  
Meaningful Access to the Court for Limited  
English Proficient Persons

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In order to ensure that those persons with limited English proficiency have meaningful access to Michigan courts, the Michigan Supreme Court adopts this order requiring courts to adopt a language access plan.

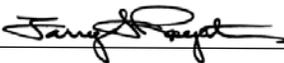
“Limited English proficient” person means a person who does not speak English as his or her primary language, and who has a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English, and by reason of his or her limitations, is not able to understand and meaningfully participate in the court process.

Within 90 days of the date of this order, each trial court shall adopt a language access plan. This plan must substantially conform to the model promulgated by the state court administrator. The plan must provide meaningful access to limited English proficient persons who have contacts with the court and its administrative staff. The plan shall be submitted to and approved by the State Court Administrative Office as a local administrative order under MCR 8.112.



I, Larry S. Royster, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

September 11, 2013

  
Clerk