



Board Agenda Item Overview

Meeting Date: April 21, 2026

Meeting Type: Regular

Item Category: Future Consent Item

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Item Name: DISCUSSION OF SUMMER PROGRAM FOR EMERGENT BILINGUAL STUDENTS IN PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN

Item Summary: Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are required to provide summer school for emergent bilingual (EB) students served in bilingual education and English as a second language (ESL) programs entering kindergarten and grade 1 (Texas Education Code Sec. 29.060; Texas Administrative Code §89.1250). The required summer school program is intended to prepare our youngest EB students for linguistic and academic success in early grades. One hundred twenty (120) hours of instruction is required.

Bilingual/ESL students advancing from pre-kindergarten to kindergarten and from kindergarten to first grade will be offered a summer school program to address the affective, linguistic, and cognitive needs of Emergent Bilingual students. The instructional program will focus on language development and essential knowledge and skills appropriate to the level of the student.

To be eligible for the Emergent Bilingual Summer Program enrollment:

- Emergent Bilingual students must be eligible for admissions to kindergarten or to Grade 1 at the beginning of the next school year.
- Parent or guardian must have approved placement of the Emergent Bilingual student in the required Bilingual/ESL program.

Recommendation: Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the Summer Program for Emergent Bilingual Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten.

Policy Reference: EHBE

Strategic Plan Priority: Enhanced Student Learning Experiences

District Value(s): Accountability Big-Thinking Compassion Excellence Integrity Joy

Currently Budgeted? Yes No No Budgetary Impact

Completion or Implementation Timeline: June 1 – 25, 2026 7:30 am – 3:30 pm at Hutchison Elementary School and McNeill Elementary School

Our Vision:

We are a values-driven community where innovation thrives, excellence is the standard, and every student has access to an elite education.