



# DUAL LANGUAGE AND ESL PROGRAMS

Annual Update

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Programs

# AGENDA

Student enrollment  
and program  
participation  
overview

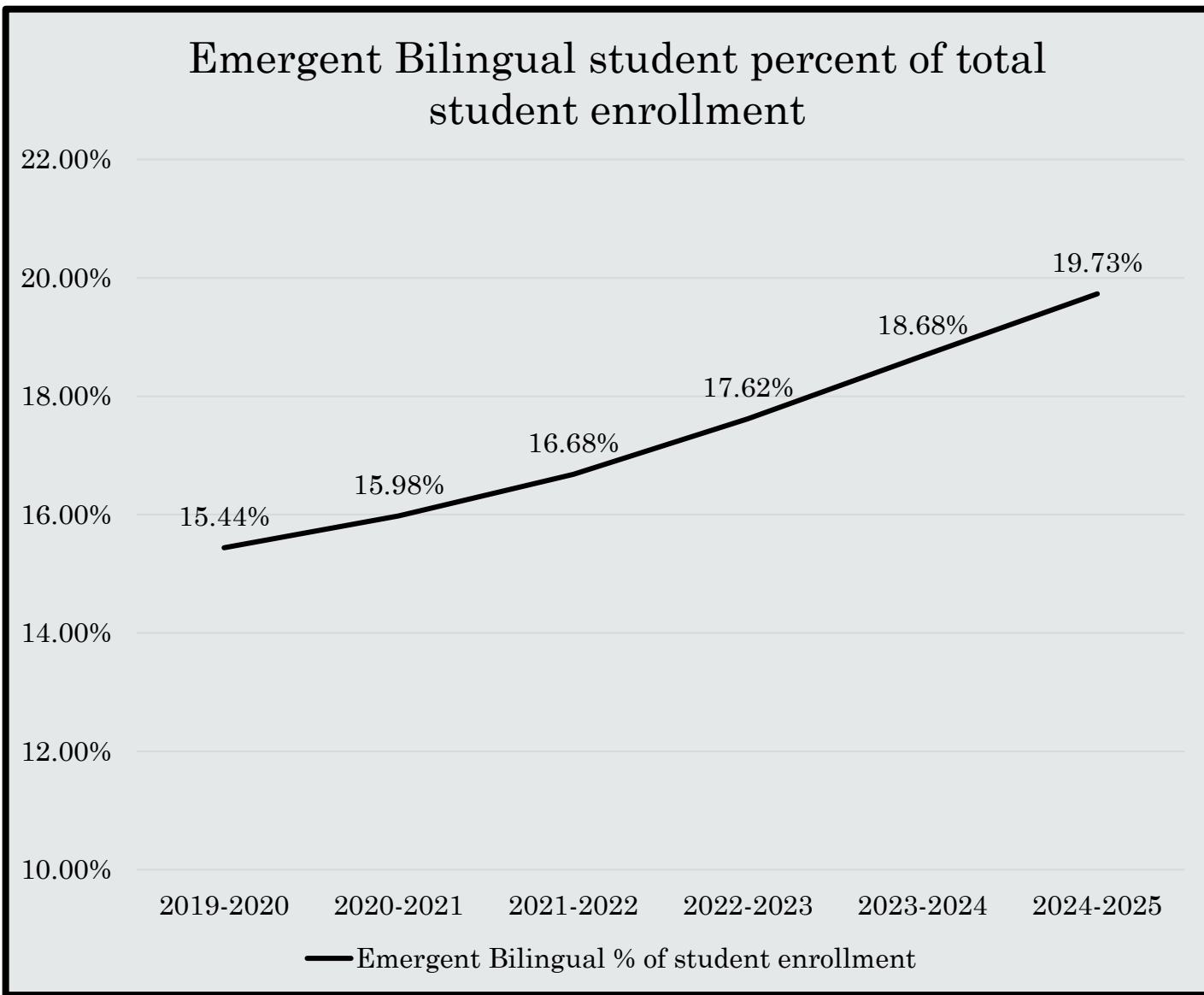
Emergent  
Bilingual language  
growth

Professional  
development year  
in review

Parent and  
community  
engagement

Focus areas for  
2025-2026

# Student Enrollment and Participation Overview

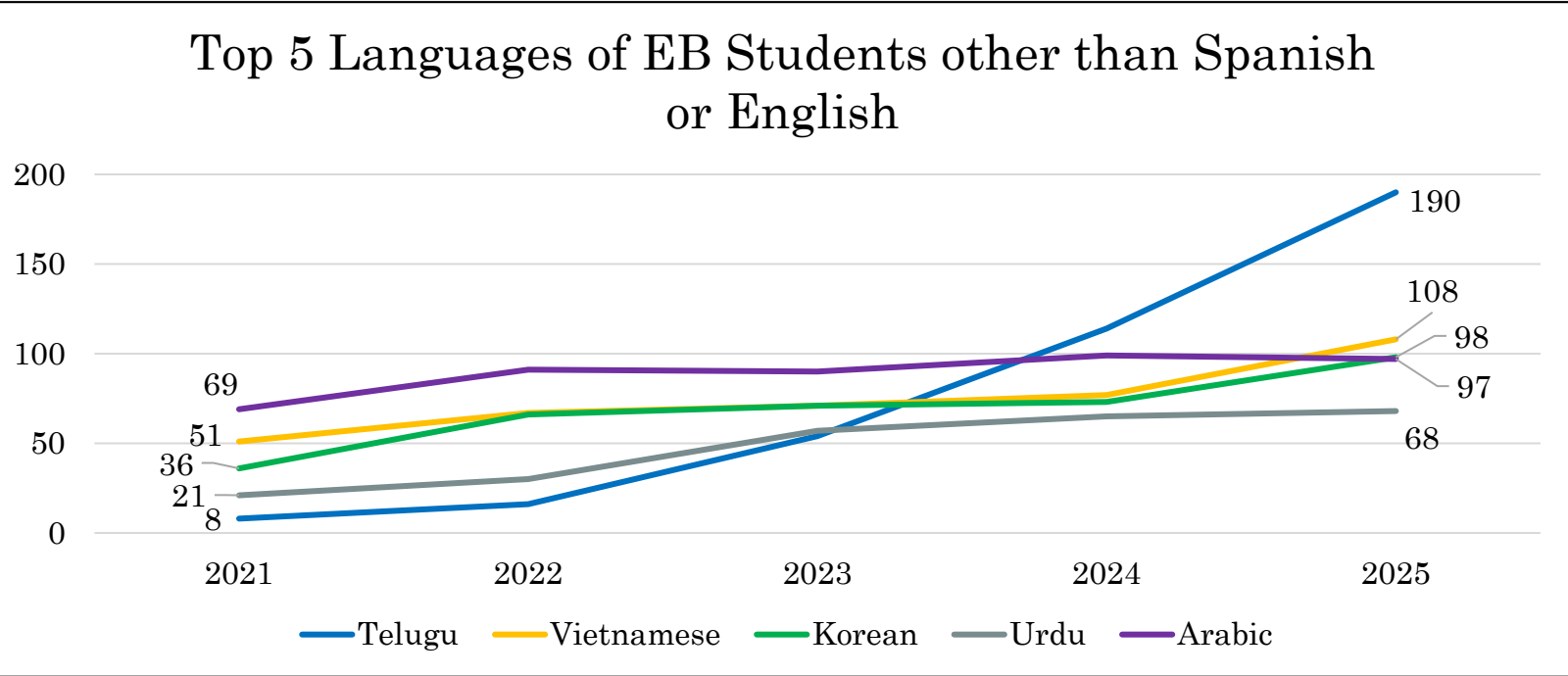
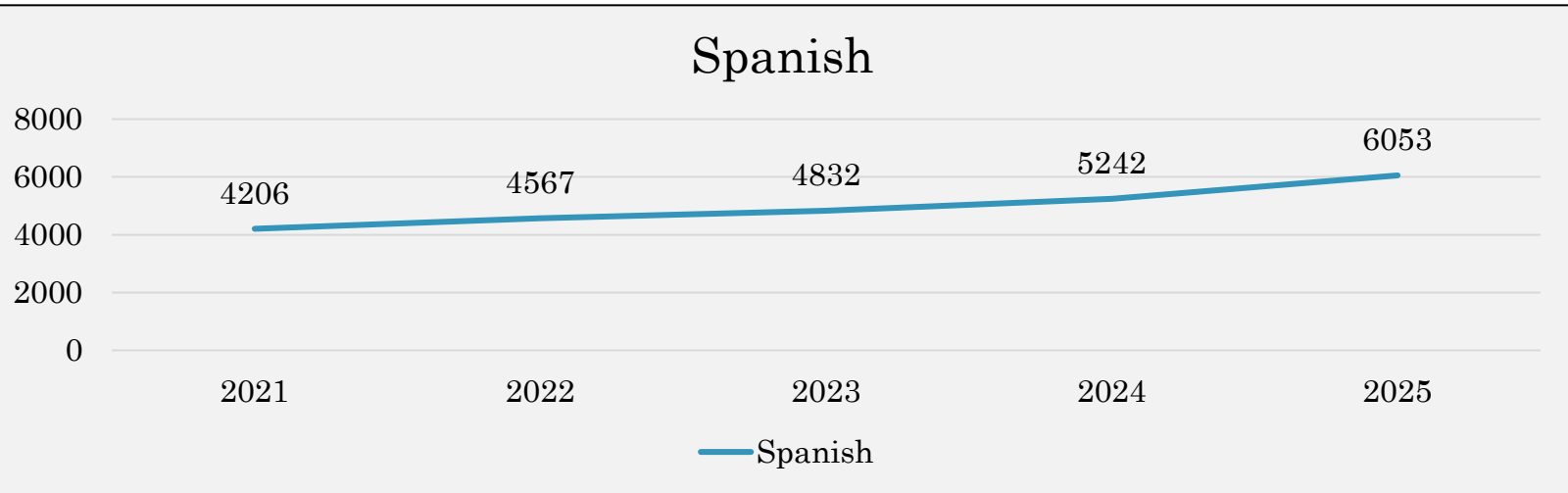


- 2024-2025 PEIMS Summer Collection: **7,096** Emergent Bilingual students
- 1 out of every 5 students is an Emergent Bilingual
- **488** students reclassified at the end of the 2024-2025 school year
- Hodge Elementary: **54%** EB
- Strickland Middle School: **28%** EB
- Ryan High School: **22%** EB

# Top Languages of EB Students

## Top languages spoken by Emergent Bilingual students

Spanish	6,053 (80.46%)
English	214 (2.84%)
Telugu	190 (2.53%)
Vietnamese	108 (1.44%)
Korean	98 (1.30%)
42 Other Languages	860 (5.72%)



# Program Participation

■ Dual Language One-Way EB PK-5

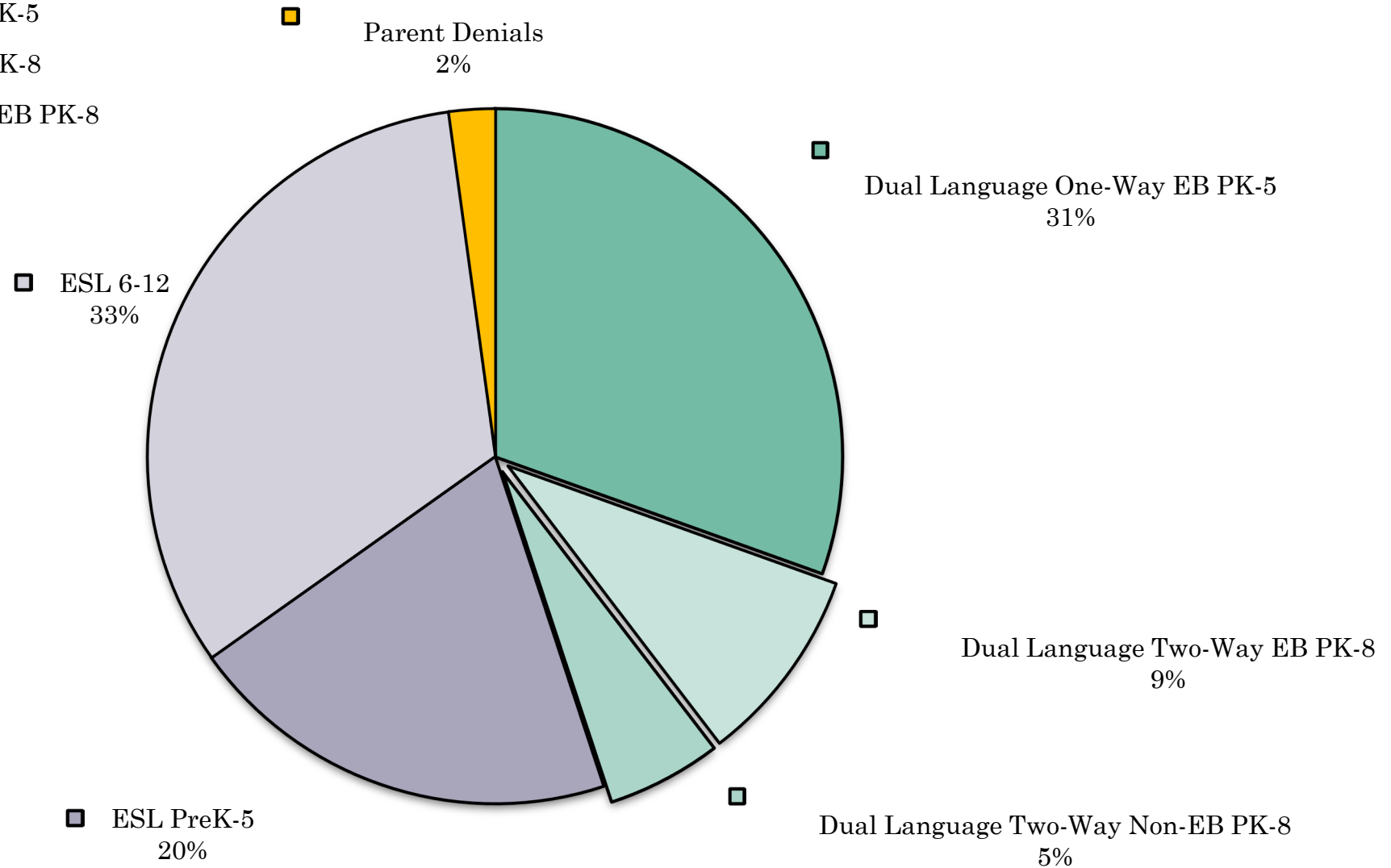
■ Dual Language Two-Way EB PK-8

■ Dual Language Two-Way Non-EB PK-8

■ ESL PreK-5

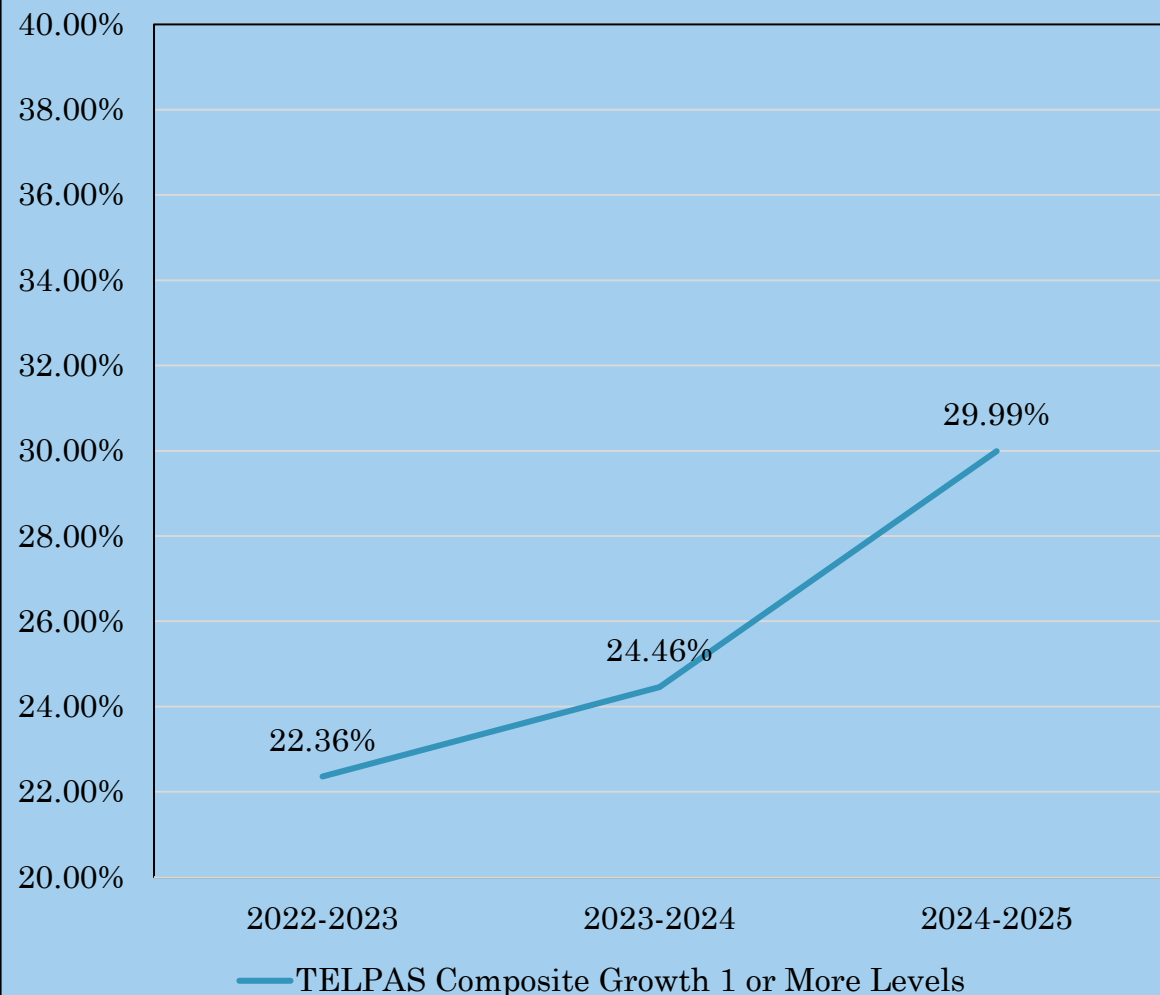
■ ESL 6-12

■ Parent Denials



# Emergent Bilingual Language Growth

TELPAS Composite growth 1 or more levels



## Highlight

**English Language Proficiency Targets**  
90% of all campuses met either the Interim or Long-Term TEA target for Language Proficiency

## Target Area

Long-term Emergent Bilingual students (5+ years in U.S. schools) language growth

# Professional Development

## Elementary & Secondary

- 1430 Participants
- 142 Sessions
  - TELPAS conferencing
  - Demonstration labs
  - Guiding Coalition
  - Campus specific based on needs assessments

## Bilingual Exception and ESL Waiver

Bilingual Exception: 35 Teachers

ESL Waiver: 129 Teachers

- Coaching and on-campus support provided
- Content-specific professional development
- 88 Teachers attended certification prep courses
- 84% success rate



## Goal

100% of all teachers  
appropriately certified to  
serve our Emergent  
Bilingual students



# Parent and Community Engagement



## Engagement Activities

- Parent meetings in person and virtual
- Book clubs
- Campus parent meeting support

Activities focused on:

- Services, supports, and resources available
- Skills to support their students
- Community partnerships
- Engagement with other families
- Program feedback and improvements

## Hotlines and Services

Parent Hotline: 1,115 Calls

Homework Help Hotline: 1,710 Sessions

- K-5<sup>th</sup>: 881
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: 652
- 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: 177
- Translation Services
  - Language line
  - Denton ISD translation services



# Bilingual & ESL Department Focus Areas



Dual Language biliteracy in all content areas

English Language Proficiency Standards for all content areas (2026-2027)

Reciprocal family engagement

## Thank you

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