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BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

United Independent School District AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Exception to the Bilingual Education Program
SUBMITTED BY: Pam Juarez/Emma Leza OF: Instruction - Bilingual/ESL
APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD:
DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: September 19, 2007
RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees approve the Request for Exception to the Bilingual Education Program to the Texas Education Agency for the school year 2007/2008.
RATIONALE: This exception allows United ISD to request that the Texas Education Agency review and approve an instructional plan that will address the needs of Limited English Proficient students at the elementary campuses that do not have a sufficient number of Bilingual/ESL Certified Teachers.
This exception must be submitted on a yearly basis if elementary campuses do not have a sufficient number of Bilingual/ESL Certified Teachers to meet the needs of Limited English Proficient Students.
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2007-2008 TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATION EXCEPTION FORM 1 AND ESL WAIVER FORM 2

Unite	ited Independent School District 240-903					
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	Original forms must be typed 2007 to:	and submitted electronically	by October 1,			
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	.eza, Bilingual/ESL Director	eleza@uisd.net	956-473-5245			
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Provide complete and accurate responses to the following items. If more space is needed for any item, reference an attachment by item number and include all attachments with submission of this form. Include all necessary supporting documentation.

Section 1: District/Charter School Data

A.	17452	Number of identified limited English proficient (LEP) students district-wide
B.	1079	Number of teachers with bilingual certification employed in the district or charter school
C.	881	Number of teachers with bilingual certification currently teaching bilingual education
D.	0	Number of non-certified permanent substitute teachers providing bilingual education instruction
E.	64	Number of teachers currently on special permit for bilingual education granted by the State Board for Educator Certification
F.	81	Number of English as a Second Language (ESL) certified teachers employed in the district or charter school at all levels
G.	31	Number of ESL certified teachers currently teaching ESL at all levels
Н.	0	Number of non-certified permanent substitute teachers providing ESL instruction at all levels
I.	97	Total number of teachers instructing LEP students under bilingual education exception (Spanish and other languages) Sum of I = K+L
J.	1	Number of consecutive years since 1999-2000 for which school district or charter school has requested a bilingual education exception (if this is the first year enter 1)
K.	97	Number of teachers instructing LEP students under bilingual education exception
L.	0	Number of teachers instructing LEP students under bilingual education exception (languages other than Spanish)

REFER TO THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE THE CHARTS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE (p.3):

Complete only the rows for the grade levels in which you are requesting an exception. *Do not* record information for any grade level in which you have appropriately certified bilingual teachers. (e.g. bilingual-Spanish, bilingual-Vietnamese, etc.)

Columns A and B – **Language(s) of Instruction**: for Language Arts, Math/Science/Social Studies in each grade level, indicate the language of instruction by placing a check mark ($\sqrt{}$) in the appropriate column. The **PL** column refers to Primary Language instruction. The **ESL** column refers to English as a Second Language instruction. The district or charter school should provide as much instruction in the students' primary language (PL) as needed to develop literacy and content knowledge. ESL instruction must be provided in language arts and the content areas.

Column C – Number of Students Under Exception: record the number of students who are not receiving instruction from a bilingually certified teacher at the appropriate grade level. Add up the number of students and write the total number in the TOTALS row of this column.

Column D – Instructional Design: Create an appropriate code or phrase to describe the instructional design(s) or method(s) of instructional delivery being used to serve students under exception. You will be asked to describe these codes in detail in Section 2, question 3. Example: **SC** = Self Contained Bilingual Classroom.

Column E – Number of Classrooms Under Exception: For each grade where data has been entered, record the number of classrooms where students are receiving the alternative bilingual services. (Example: If one ESL certified teacher provides instruction to different grade levels in a pull-out model, this counts as one classroom.) Add up the number of classrooms and write the total in the TOTALS row of this column.

Duplicate the following page, as needed. Complete for each campus and for each language in which an exception is requested.

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Section 2: Rationale & Actions to be Implemented

1. Provide reasons the district or charter school is unable to offer the bilingual education program. Attach supporting documentation.

United ISD currently offers an Early Transition Bilingual/ESL program at each elementary campus and an ESL program at every middle and high school. The ESL components of the bilingual program are present in PK -5th. Transition takes place during the 2nd grade for all students who are proficient in the primary language based on district criteria. Once students are in the transition process ESL strategies are incorporated into the delivery of instruction in all content areas. Currently, United ISD has an insufficient number of Bilingual/ESL certified teachers at select grade-levels in 24 out of the 26 elementary campuses. United ISD however, continues to offer the Early Transition Bilingual/ESL program to all its English Language Learner population utilizing bilingual certified teachers to instruct in the primary language. In addition creative regrouping and team teaching strategies are used to enhance the delivery of English instruction. Staff development opportunities on how to address the needs of English Language Learners are conducted throughout the school year via different methods of delivery. Consequently all the affective, cognitive, and linguistic needs of the ELL population at United ISD are met.

2. Describe the proposed alternative modified bilingual education or intensive ESL programs to meet the affective, linguistic, and cognitive needs of the LEP students. Include the manner in which the students will be given the opportunity to master the essential knowledge and skills required by State Board of Education rules concerning curriculum.

All non-certified teachers will partner with certified teachers to plan the delivery of instruction for English Language Learners (ELL). District wide use of the scope and sequence (with imbedded ELL activities) ensures that students in all grade levels and content areas learn the required TEKS. Periodic assessments through TEKS Targeted Tests (3Ts) allow teachers to monitor the levels of mastery for all students. Bilingual certified teachers provide instruction in the primary language for non-certified (bilingual/ESL) teachers (team teaching), through regrouping strategies.

3. Enumerate and elaborate on the different instructional designs being used to serve the students under exception. Enter an appropriate code or phrase for each design in Column D of the chart(s) in Section 1 of this form.

Team teaching and planning between certified and non-certified teachers allows for instructional planning and delivery. Regrouping strategies are used for primary language instruction, based on students' identified dominant language. Primary language instruction is provided by bilingual/ESL certified teachers while non-certified (bilingual/ESL) provide English instruction with sheltered instructional strategies. This design is used across the district to meet the needs of all ELLs participating in the Bilingual/ESL program.

- 4. Describe the training program the district or charter school will provide to improve the skills of staff assigned to implement the proposed alternative program. *Provide specific information regarding the staff development plan to include the intensity and duration of activities.*
 - 1. The August, 2007 staff development sessions focused on Response to Intervention (RTI) and identifying students for Tier 2 and Tier 3 instruction. All teachers also attended sessions on Highly Effective Questioning (HEQ) techniques.
 - 2. The October 8th staff development sessions will address Comprehensible Input through the content areas. Training is all day and it will be available to all non-GT certified teachers.
 - 3. Instructional coordinators will continue providing focused staff development to all campuses on an on-going basis emphasizing the ELL population at all grade-levels.
 - 4. Summer staff development will offer sessions on preparation for ESL and Bilingual/ESL certification to all teachers to prepare them to challenge the assessment for certification.
 - 5. Extended school year professional development is customized to provide target group (ELLs) the opportunity for academic success.
 - 6. High school students participating in the "Teachers of Tomorrow" program work with elementary students and provide instructional support while learning about the teaching career in hopes of becoming future bilingual teachers for United ISD.
 - 7. Collaboration with TAMIU and UISD's instructional department assess the district's needs and provide guidance to current students pursuing bilingual certification.
 - 8. Bilingual/ESL director presented information to future teachers at LCC on bilingual certification and education.

5a. Using the following chart describe the actions the district or charter school will take to ensure that the required bilingual education program will be provided and continued beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, including district or charter school plans for recruiting and training an adequate number of teachers to eliminate the need for subsequent exceptions.

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2010-2011	PK	0
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2011-2012	PK	0
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5b. (Continue) Using the following chart describe the actions the district or charter school will take to ensure that the required bilingual education program will be provided and continued beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, including district or charter school plans for recruiting and training an adequate number of teachers to eliminate the need for subsequent exceptions.

Action Timeline	Recruiting and Training Dates and Locations
2007-2008	Continue to train current non-certified teachers in sheltered instruction methodologies
	throughout the current school year.
	Provide staff development opportunities that prepare teachers for the state assessment
	on certification in ESL or Bilingual/ESL.
	Continue reimbursing the teachers for college/university coursework towards
	certification in Bilingual/ESL.
	Continue reimbursing the teachers state certification assessment fee and certification
	fee for Bilingual/ESL
.,,	Continue paying the Bilingual/ESL stipends to teachers who service the ELL
	population.
	Review current certifications to ensure that all kinder teachers are certified in Early
	Childhood and Bilingual/ESL education and re-assign teachers based on certification to
	kinder and first grade. Plan to hire teachers that meet state and federal guidelines to
	ensure that all kinder and first grade classrooms have appropriately certified teachers.
	Continue to work collaboratively with campuses, human resources and the instruction
	department to attract more teachers certified in bilingual/ESL education.
	Continue to work with teachers who do not meet the criteria for bilingual certification
	to get ESL certification and place them in the appropriate grade-levels.

6. If your district or charter school applied for an exception in the 2006-2007 school year, please provide evidence of completion of actions taken by the district or charter school in 2006-2007 including documentation of recruitment efforts. Districts on an Action Plan must submit an updated copy of the plan to include progress made toward reducing the number and percentage of teachers under exception

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Please mail only this original page by <u>October 1, 2007</u> to the: Texas Education Agency

Bilingual Education Program Unit, Curriculum Division 1701 North Congress Avenue Austin, Texas 78701

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FORM 1: REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION TO THE BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

United Indepe	ndent School District	240-903		
District/Charte	er School Name	County-District Number		
Section 3:				
I assure that:				
•	Certified personnel available in the district or elevels beginning at prekindergarten followed su ensure that the linguistic and academic needs with beginning levels of English proficiency are s	ccessively by subsequent grade levels to of the limited English proficient students		
•	At least 10% of the bilingual education allotmer program.	nt shall be used to carry out this training		
•	The proposed actions described in this request f	orm will be implemented.		
•	Documentation of completion of the proposed ac Texas Education Agency by October 1, 2008 .	ctions in this form will be submitted to the		
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FORM 2: REQUEST FOR WAIVER FOR THE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) PROGRAM

Provide complete and accurate responses to the following items. If more space is needed for any item, reference an attachment by item number and include all attachments with submission of this form. Include all necessary supporting documentation.

Section 1: District/Charter School Data

A.	Number of identified limited English proficient (LEP) students district-wide
В.	Number of teachers with bilingual certification employed in the district or charter school
C.	Number of teachers with bilingual certification currently teaching bilingual education
D.	Number of non-certified permanent substitute teachers providing bilingual education instruction
E.	Number of teachers currently on special permit for bilingual education granted by the State Board for Educator Certification
F.	Number of English as a Second Language (ESL) certified teachers employed in the district or charter school at all levels
G.	Number of ESL certified teachers currently teaching ESL at all levels
Н.	Number of non-certified permanent substitute teachers providing ESL instruction at all levels
1.	Number of teachers instructing LEP students under ESL waiver
J.	Number of consecutive years since 1999-2000 for which school district or charter school has requested ESL waivers (if this is the first year enter 1)

Section 2: Rationale & Actions to be Implemented

- 1. Provide reasons the district or charter school is unable to provide a sufficient number of certified teachers to offer the English as a second language program. Attach supporting documentation.
- 2. Describe how the ESL program will meet the affective, linguistic, and cognitive needs of the LEP students, including how the students will be given opportunity to master the essential knowledge and skills required by State Board of Education rules concerning curriculum.

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3.	Provide names of the teachers not on permit who are assigned to implement the ESL program and estimated date for the completion of the ESL certification for each teacher under a waiver. Names of
	teachers who have been listed on previous waivers cannot be submitted again. Teachers who
	have been submitted in previous years since 1999 on an ESL waiver cannot be resubmitted.
	Teachers who have not received ESL certification are not eligible to teach in an ESL
	classroom. Failure to complete these fields will result in non-approval from the Agency. Attach a list if more space is needed.

Teacher Name	Campus Name and Number	Grade Level(s)	Date of Completion (Before May 2008)

- 4. Enumerate and elaborate on the different instructional designs being used to serve students under waiver.
- 5. Describe the training program the district or charter school will provide to improve the skills of staff assigned to implement the proposed ESL program. Teacher training must specifically address instructional modifications for English language learners, ESL endorsement and certification. Provide specific information regarding the staff development plan to include the intensity and duration of activities.

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6a. Using the following chart describe the actions the district or charter school will take to ensure that the required ESL program will be provided and continued beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, including district or charter school plans for recruiting and training an adequate number of teachers to eliminate the need for subsequent waivers by October 2008.

Action Timeline	Grade Levels	Number of ESL Teachers to be hired yearly per grade level
2007-2008	PK	
	K	
	1 st	
	2 nd	
	3 rd	
	4 th	
	5 th	
	-6 th	
	7 th	
	8 th	
	9 th	
	10 th	
	11 th	
	12 th	

6b. (Continue) Using the following chart describe the actions the district or charter school will take to ensure that the required ESL program will be provided and continued beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, including district or charter school plans for recruiting and training an adequate number of teachers to eliminate the need for subsequent waivers by October 2008.

Action Timeline	Recruiting and Training Dates and Locations
2007-2008	

7. If your district or charter school applied for a waiver in the 2006-2007 school year, please provide evidence of completion of actions taken by the district or charter school in 2006-2007 including documentation of recruitment efforts. *Districts on an Action Plan must submit an updated copy of the plan to include progress made toward reducing the number and percentage of teachers under waiver*

Please mail only this page by <u>October 1, 2007</u> to the: Texas Education Agency

Bilingual Education Program Unit, Curriculum Division 1701 North Congress Avenue Austin, Texas 78701

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District/Charte	County-District Number				
Section 3:					
I assure that:					
•	At least 10% of the bilingual education program.	on allotment shall be used to carry out this training			
•	The proposed actions described in this request form will be implemented.				
•	Documentation of completion of the properties Education Agency by October 1, 2	osed actions in this form will be submitted to the			
Signature of S	uperintendent	Date signed			
Typed Name o	of Superintendent	Superintendent's email			
Contact Perso	n for the District/Charter School	Contact email			
Contact Phone	e Number				
Contact Fax N	umber				