



# NAVARRO



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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

# ESL/Bilingual Program Update

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# Texas Rule:

In Texas, a school district is required to offer a bilingual education program if they have 20 or more students identified as emergent bilinguals at the same grade level with the same primary language, and must provide this program from pre-kindergarten through elementary grades (typically through grade 5); districts must also provide ESL programs for any student identified as an emergent bilingual, regardless of the number of students at a given grade level.

# Key points about bilingual program requirements in Texas

## **Student identification:**

Students are identified as emergent bilinguals based on their primary language and English language proficiency level.

## **Program type:**

Bilingual education programs in Texas typically involve dual-language instruction, meaning teaching in both English and the student's primary language.

## **Teacher certification:**

Teachers in bilingual programs must hold a valid bilingual education certification.

## **State law basis:**

These requirements are outlined in the Texas Education Code, Chapter 29, which mandates providing educational opportunities for language minority students through bilingual or special language programs.

# Goal of Bilingual Education Programs

## Chapter 89. Adaptations for Special Populations

### Subchapter BB. Commissioner's Rules Concerning State Plan for Educating Emergent Bilingual Students

The goal of bilingual education programs shall be to enable emergent bilingual students to develop primary language literacy and academic skills through the integrated use of content-based language and instructional methods to become proficient in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in the English language.

# Navarro Elementary - Program Numbers

Enrollment as of 01/2025

Pre-Kindergarten	17 Active, 1 Parent Denial
Kindergarten	20 Active (17 Spanish speakers)
First Grade	20 Active (13 Spanish speakers)
2nd Grade	15 Active, 2 Monitors



# Navarro Intermediate - Program Numbers

Enrollment as of 01/2025

Third Grade	13 Active
Fourth Grade	19 Active, 2 Monitors (16 Spanish speakers)
Fifth Grade	17 Active, 2 Monitors



# Navarro Junior High - Program Numbers

Enrollment as of 01/2025

Sixth Grade	15 Active, 3 Monitors
Seventh Grade	4 Active, 1 Monitor
Eighth Grade	16 Active, 4 Monitors



# Navarro High School - Program Numbers

Enrollment as of 01/2025

Ninth Grade	10 Active, 1 Monitor
Tenth Grade	13 Active, 1 Monitor, 1 Parent Denial
Eleventh Grade	6 Active, 2 Monitors
Twelfth Grade	4 Active, 2 Monitors



# TELPAS

Emergent Bilingual students are annually assessed through the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS).

They are assessed in four domains:

Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing

Levels of Performance:

- 1 - Beginner
- 2 - Intermediate
- 3 - Advanced
- 4 - Advanced High

## Reclassification Criteria

- Students reach a Proficient level of English compared to native English speaking peers.
- Students no longer participate in the ESL/Bilingual program.
- Monitored for 5 years
  - 2 by ESL/Bilingual program, 3 by the state
- Composite of Advanced High, at least Approaches on STAAR Reading Language Arts, approval from teacher on the Reclassification Rubric.

## Navarro ISD 23-24 TELPAS Score Breakdown

Campus	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced	Adv. High	Total # Students
Elementary	23%	42%	23%	12%	43
Intermediate	22%	39%	37%	13%	46
Junior High	3%	30%	52%	15%	33
High School	6%	34%	40%	17%	35

# Bilingual Program Options

Goal: Developing Proficiency in English

## **English as a Second Language (ESL)**

Students receive instruction primarily in English.

## **Dual Language Immersion (DLI)**

Students receive instruction in both English and their primary language. DLI programs can be one-way or two-way.

## **Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE)**

Students receive initial instruction in their primary language, then gradually transition to English instruction.

## **Emergent Bilingual**

Students who are still acquiring English receive instruction in their primary language and English

# Navarro ISD Plan...

## Key points:

- **Threshold of 20 students:** The requirement is triggered when 20 or more students in the same grade level share the same primary language.
- **Applies to all elementary grades:** If the threshold is met, the district must offer a bilingual program across all elementary grades, not just the grade level with the 20 students.
- **Immediate implementation:** Once the number reaches 20, the district should promptly begin providing the bilingual program.

## NISD Program Plan

- Hire a bilingually certified teacher for one FTE allotment (Full-time employee)
- Begin with one-way program - Look at future options for two-way with program interest
- Salary estimate: 56,500 + a bilingual stipend for one FTE (x4 grade levels)  
*\*The median annual bilingual teacher stipend in Texas is \$3000, but the amount can vary by school district and location depending on various factors.*

# Questions



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