

Chapter 89. Adaptations for Special Populations

Subchapter BB. Commissioner's Rules Concerning State Plan for Educating Limited English Proficient Students

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this Subchapter BB issued under the Texas Education Code, §§29.051-29.064, unless otherwise noted.

§89.1201. Policy.

(a) It is the policy of the state that every student in the state who has a home language other than English and who is identified as limited English proficient shall be provided a full opportunity to participate in a bilingual education or English as a second language program, as required in the Texas Education Code, Chapter 29, Subchapter B. To ensure equal educational opportunity, as required in the Texas Education Code, §1.002(a), each school district shall:

- (1) identify limited English proficient students based on criteria established by the state;
- (2) provide bilingual education and English as a second language programs, as integral parts of the regular program as described in the Texas Education Code, §4.002;
- (3) seek certified teaching personnel to ensure that limited English proficient students are afforded full opportunity to master the essential skills and knowledge required by the state; and
- (4) assess achievement for essential skills and knowledge in accordance with the Texas Education Code, Chapter 39, to ensure accountability for limited English proficient students and the schools that serve them.

(b) The goal of bilingual education programs shall be to enable limited English proficient students to become competent in the comprehension, speaking, reading, and composition of the English language through the development of literacy and academic skills in the primary language and English. Such programs shall emphasize the mastery of English language skills, as well as mathematics, science and social studies, as integral parts of the academic goals for all students to enable limited English proficient students to participate equitably in school.

(c) The goal of English as a second language programs shall be to enable limited English proficient students to become competent in the comprehension, speaking, reading, and composition of the English language through the integrated use of second language

methods. The English as a second language program shall emphasize the mastery of English language skills, as well as mathematics, science and social studies, as integral parts of the academic goals for all students to enable limited English proficient students to participate equitably in school.

(d) Bilingual education and English as a second language programs shall be integral parts of the total school program. Such programs shall use instructional approaches designed to meet the special needs of limited English proficient students. The basic curriculum content of the programs shall be based on the essential skills and knowledge required by the state.

Source: The provisions of this §89.1201 adopted to be effective September 1, 1996, 21 TexReg 5700.

§89.1205. Required Bilingual Education and English as a Second Language Programs.

(a) Each school district which has an enrollment of 20 or more limited English proficient students in any language classification in the same grade level district-wide shall offer a bilingual education program as described in subsection (b) of this section for the limited English proficient students in prekindergarten through the elementary grades who speak that language. "Elementary grades" shall include at least prekindergarten through Grade 5; sixth grade shall be included when clustered with elementary grades.

(b) A district shall provide a bilingual education program by offering a dual language program in prekindergarten through the elementary grades, as described in §89.1210 of this title (relating to Program Content and Design).

(c) Districts are authorized to establish a bilingual education program at grade levels in which the bilingual education program is not required under subsection (a) of this section.

(d) All limited English proficient students for whom a district is not required to offer a bilingual education program shall be provided an English as a second language program as described in subsection (e) of this section, regardless of the students' grade levels and home language, and regardless of the number of such students.

(e) A district shall provide an English as a second language program by offering an English as a second language program as described in §89.1210 of this title (relating to Program Content and Design).

(f) Districts may join with other districts to provide bilingual education or English as a second language programs.

(g) Districts which are unable to provide a bilingual education program as required by subsection (a) of this section shall request from the commissioner of education an exception to the bilingual education program and approval to offer an alternative program. Approval of exceptions to the bilingual education program shall be negotiated on an individual basis and shall be valid for only the school year for which it was negotiated. This request will be submitted by a date determined by the commissioner of education and shall include:

(1) a statement of the reasons the district is unable to offer the bilingual education program with supporting documentation;

(2) a description of the proposed alternative modified bilingual education or intensive English as a second language programs to meet the affective, linguistic, and cognitive needs of the limited English proficient students, including the manner in which the students will be given opportunity to master the essential knowledge and skills required by Chapter 74 of this title (relating to Curriculum Requirements);

(3) an assurance that certified personnel available in the district will be assigned to grade levels beginning at prekindergarten followed successively by subsequent grade levels to ensure that the linguistic and academic needs of the limited English proficient students with beginning levels of English proficiency are served on a priority basis;

(4) a description of the training program which the district will provide to improve the skills of the staff which is assigned to implement the proposed alternative program, and an assurance that at least 10% of the bilingual education allotment shall be used to carry out this training program; and

(5) a description of the actions the district will take to ensure that the program required under subsection (a) of this section will be provided the subsequent year, including its plans for recruiting and training an adequate number of teachers to eliminate the need for subsequent exceptions.

(h) Districts which, because of an insufficient number of certified teachers, are unable to provide an English as a second language program as required by subsection (d) of this section shall request from the commissioner of education a waiver of the certification requirements for the teachers who will provide the instruction in English as a second language for the limited English proficient students. Approval of waivers of certification requirements shall be negotiated on an individual basis and shall be valid for only the school year for which they were negotiated. This request will be submitted by a date determined by the commissioner of education and shall include:

(1) a statement of the reasons the district is unable to provide a sufficient number of certified teachers to offer the English as a second language program;

(2) a description of the manner in which the teachers in the English as a second language program will meet the affective, linguistic, and cognitive needs of the limited English proficient student, including the manner by which the students will be given opportunity to master the essential knowledge and skills required by Chapter 74 of this title (relating to Curriculum Requirements);

(3) an assurance that certified personnel available in the district will be assigned to grade levels beginning at prekindergarten followed successively by subsequent grade levels in the elementary school campus, and on the basis of need for secondary campuses, to ensure that the linguistic and academic needs of the limited English proficient students with the lower levels of English proficiency are served on a priority basis;

(4) the names of the teachers not on permit who are assigned to implement the English as a second language program and estimated date for the completion of the English as a second language endorsement for each teacher under a waiver;

(5) a description of the training program which the district will provide to improve the skills of the staff which is assigned to implement the proposed English as a second language program, and an assurance that at least 10% of the bilingual education allotment shall be used to carry out this training; and

(6) a description of the actions the district will take to ensure that the program required under subsection (d) of this section will be provided the subsequent year, including its plans for recruiting and training an adequate number of teachers to eliminate the need for subsequent waivers.

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§89.1210. Program Content and Design.

(a) Each school district required to offer a bilingual education or English as a second language program shall provide each limited English proficient student the opportunity to be enrolled in the required program at his or her grade level. Each student's level of proficiency shall be designated by the language proficiency assessment committee in accordance with §89.1220(g) of this title (relating to Language Proficiency Assessment Committee). The district shall modify the instruction, pacing, and materials to ensure that limited English proficient students have a full opportunity to master the essential knowledge and skills of the required curriculum. Students participating in the bilingual education program may demonstrate their mastery of the essential knowledge and skills in either their home language or in English for each content area.

(b) The bilingual education program shall be a full-time program of instruction in which both the students' home language and English shall be used for instruction. The amount of instruction in each language within the bilingual education program shall be commensurate with the students' level of proficiency in each language and their level of academic achievement. The students' level of language proficiency and academic achievement shall be designated by the language proficiency assessment committee. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) shall develop program guidelines to ensure that the programs are developmentally appropriate, that the instruction in each language is appropriate, and that the students are challenged to perform at a level commensurate with their linguistic proficiency and academic potential.

(c) The bilingual education program shall be an integral part of the regular educational program required under Chapter 74 of this title (relating to Curriculum Requirements). In bilingual education programs using Spanish and English as languages of instruction, districts shall use state-adopted English and Spanish instructional materials and supplementary materials as curriculum tools to enhance the learning process; in addition, districts may use other curriculum adaptations which have been developed. The bilingual education program shall address the affective, linguistic, and cognitive needs of limited English proficient students as follows.

(1) Affective. Limited English proficient students shall be provided instruction in their home language to introduce basic concepts of the school environment, and instruction both in their home language and in English which instills confidence, self-assurance, and a positive identity with their cultural heritages. The program shall address the history and cultural heritage associated with both the students' home language and the United States.

(2) Linguistic. Limited English proficient students shall be provided instruction in the skills of comprehension, speaking, reading, and composition both in their home language and in English. The instruction in both languages shall be structured to ensure that the students master the required essential knowledge and skills and higher order thinking skills in all subjects.

(3) Cognitive. Limited English proficient students shall be provided instruction in mathematics, science, health, and social studies both in their home language and in English. The content area instruction in both languages shall be structured to ensure that the students master the required essential knowledge and skills and higher order thinking skills in all subjects.

(d) English as a second language programs shall be intensive programs of instruction designed to develop proficiency in the comprehension, speaking, reading, and composition in the English language. Instruction in English as a second language shall be commensurate with the student's level of English proficiency and his or her level of academic achievement. In prekindergarten through Grade 8, instruction in English as a second language may vary from the amount of time accorded to instruction in English language arts in the regular program for nonlimited English proficient students to a full-

time instructional setting utilizing second language methods. In high school, the English as a second language program shall be consistent with graduation requirements under Chapter 74 of this title (relating to Curriculum Requirements). The language proficiency assessment committee may recommend appropriate services that may include content courses provided through sheltered instructional approaches by trained teachers, enrollment in English as a second language courses, additional state elective English courses, and special assistance provided through locally determined programs.

(e) The English as a second language program shall be an integral part of the regular educational program required under Chapter 74 of this title (relating to Curriculum Requirements). Districts shall use state-adopted English as a second language instructional materials and supplementary materials as curriculum tools. In addition, districts may use other curriculum adaptations which have been developed. The district shall provide for ongoing coordination between the English as a second language program and the regular educational program. The English as a second language program shall address the affective, linguistic, and cognitive needs of limited English proficient students as follows.

(1) Affective. Limited English proficient students shall be provided instruction using second language methods in English to introduce basic concepts of the school environment which instills confidence, self-assurance, and a positive identity with their cultural heritages. The program shall address the history and cultural heritage associated with both the students' home language and the United States.

(2) Linguistic. Limited English proficient students shall be provided intensive instruction to develop proficiency in the comprehension, speaking, reading, and composition of the English language. The instruction in academic content areas shall be structured to ensure that the students master the required essential knowledge and skills and higher order thinking skills.

(3) Cognitive. Limited English proficient students shall be provided instruction in English in mathematics, science, health, and social studies using second language methods. The instruction in academic content areas shall be structured to ensure that the students master the required essential knowledge and skills and higher order thinking skills.

(f) Except in the courses specified in subsection (g) of this section, English as a second language strategies, which may involve the use of the students' home language, may be provided in any of the courses or electives required for promotion or graduation to assist the limited English proficient students to master the essential knowledge and skills for the required subject(s). The use of English as a second language strategies shall not impede the awarding of credit toward meeting promotion or graduation requirements.

(g) In subjects such as art, music, and physical education, the limited English proficient students shall participate with their English-speaking peers in regular classes provided in

the subjects. The district shall ensure that students enrolled in bilingual education and English as a second language programs have a meaningful opportunity to participate with other students in all extracurricular activities.

(h) The required bilingual education or English as a second language programs shall be provided to every limited English proficient student with parental approval until such time that the student meets exit criteria as described in §89.1225(h) of this title (relating to Testing and Classification of Students) or graduates from high school.

Source: The provisions of this §89.1210 adopted to be effective September 1, 1996, 21 TexReg 5700; amended to be effective March 5, 1999, 24 TexReg 1383; amended to be effective April 18, 2002, 27 TexReg 3107.

§89.1215. Home Language Survey.

(a) Districts shall conduct only one home language survey of each student. The home language survey shall be administered to each student new to the district, and to students previously enrolled who were not surveyed in the past. Districts shall require that the survey be signed by the student's parent or guardian for students in grades prekindergarten through Grade 8, or by the student in Grades 9-12. The original copy of the survey shall be kept in the student's permanent record.

(b) The home language survey shall be administered in English and Spanish; for students of other language groups, the home language survey shall be translated into the home language whenever possible. The home language survey shall contain the following questions.

(1) "What language is spoken in your home most of the time?"

(2) "What language does your child (do you) speak most of the time?"

(c) Additional information may be collected by the district and recorded on the home language survey.

(d) The home language survey shall be used to establish the student's language classification for determining whether the district is required to provide a bilingual education or English as a second language program. If the response on the home language survey indicates that a language other than English is used, the student shall be tested in accordance with §89.1225 of this title (relating to Testing and Classification of Students).

Source: The provisions of this §89.1215 adopted to be effective September 1, 1996, 21 TexReg 5700.

§89.1220. Language Proficiency Assessment Committee.

(a) Districts shall by local board policy establish and operate a language proficiency assessment committee. The district shall have on file policy and procedures for the selection, appointment, and training of members of the language proficiency assessment committee(s).

(b) In districts required to provide a bilingual education program, the language proficiency assessment committee shall be composed of the membership described in the Texas Education Code, §29.063. If the district does not have an individual in one or more of the school job classifications required, the district shall designate another professional staff member to serve on the language proficiency assessment committee. The district may add other members to the committee in any of the required categories.

(c) In districts and grade levels not required to provide a bilingual education program, the language proficiency assessment committee shall be composed of one or more professional personnel and a parent of a limited English proficient student participating in the program designated by the district.

(d) No parent serving on the language proficiency assessment committee shall be an employee of the school district.

(e) A district shall establish and operate a sufficient number of language proficiency assessment committees to enable them to discharge their duties within four weeks of the enrollment of limited English proficient students.

(f) All members of the language proficiency assessment committee, including parents, shall be acting for the school district and shall observe all laws and rules governing confidentiality of information concerning individual students. The district shall be responsible for the orientation and training of all members, including the parents, of the language proficiency assessment committee.

(g) Upon their initial enrollment and at the end of each school year, the language proficiency assessment committee shall review all pertinent information on all limited English proficient students identified in accordance with §89.1225(f) of this title (relating to Testing and Classification of Students), and shall:

(1) designate the language proficiency level of each limited English proficient student in accordance with the guidelines issued pursuant to §89.1210(b) and (d) of this title (relating to Program Content and Design);

(2) designate the level of academic achievement of each limited English proficient student;

(3) designate, subject to parental approval, the initial instructional placement of each limited English proficient student in the required program;

(4) facilitate the participation of limited English proficient students in other special programs for which they are eligible provided by the district with either state or federal funds; and

(5) classify students as English proficient in accordance with the criteria described in §89.1225(h) of this title (relating to Testing and Classification of Students), and recommend their exit from the bilingual education or English as a second language program.

(h) Before the administration of the state criterion-referenced test each year, the language proficiency assessment committee shall determine the appropriate assessment option for each limited English proficient student as outlined in Chapter 101, Subchapter AA, of this title (relating to Commissioner's Rules Concerning the Participation of Limited English Proficient Students in State Assessments). The assessment options shall be:

(1) administration of the English version criterion-referenced test;

(2) administration of the Spanish version criterion-referenced test; or

(3) for certain immigrant students, exemption from the criterion-referenced test.

(i) In determining the appropriate assessment option, the language proficiency assessment committee shall consider the following criteria for each student:

(1) academic program participation (bilingual education or English as a second language) and language of instruction;

(2) language proficiency, including literacy, in English and/or Spanish;

(3) number of years enrolled in U.S. schools;

(4) previous testing history;

(5) level achieved in the state reading proficiency tests in English (RPTE);

(6) consecutive years of residence outside of the 50 U.S. states; and

(7) schooling outside the U.S.

(j) The language proficiency assessment committee shall give written notice to the student's parent advising that the student has been classified as limited English proficient and requesting approval to place the student in the required bilingual education or English as a second language program. The notice shall include information about the

benefits of the bilingual education or English as a second language program for which the student has been recommended and that it is an integral part of the school program.

(k) Pending parent approval of a limited English proficient student's entry into the bilingual education or English as a second language program recommended by the language proficiency assessment committee, the district shall place the student in the recommended program, but may count only limited English proficient students with parental approval for bilingual education allotment.

(l) The language proficiency assessment committee shall monitor the academic progress of each student who has exited from a bilingual or English as a second language program within the past two years to determine whether the student is academically successful as defined in §89.1225(j) of this title (relating to Testing and Classification of Students). Those students who are not academically successful due to limited English proficiency shall be reclassified as limited English proficient (LEP), and shall be recommended for participation in a bilingual education or English as a second language program. Students who are not reclassified as LEP may be placed in compensatory and accelerated instruction or other special language program which addresses their needs.

(m) The student's permanent record shall contain documentation of all actions impacting the limited English proficient student. This documentation shall include:

- (1) the identification of the student as limited English proficient;
- (2) the designation of the student's level of language proficiency;
- (3) the recommendation of program placement;
- (4) parental approval of entry or placement into the program;
- (5) the dates of entry into, and placement within, the program;
- (6) the dates of exemptions from the criterion-referenced test, criteria used for this determination, and additional instructional interventions provided to students to ensure adequate yearly progress;
- (7) the date of exit from the program and parent notification; and
- (8) the results of monitoring for academic success, including students formerly classified as limited English proficient, as required under the Texas Education Code, §29.063(c)(4).

Source: The provisions of this §89.1220 adopted to be effective September 1, 1996, 21 TexReg 5700; amended to be effective March 5, 1999, 24 TexReg 1383; amended to be effective April 18, 2002, 27 TexReg 3107.

§89.1225. Testing and Classification of Students.

(a) For identifying limited English proficient students, districts shall administer to each student who has a language other than English as identified on the home language survey:

(1) in prekindergarten through Grade 1, an oral language proficiency test approved by the Texas Education Agency (TEA); and

(2) in Grades 2-12, a TEA-approved oral language proficiency test and the English reading and English language arts sections from a TEA-approved norm-referenced measure, or another test approved by TEA, unless the norm-referenced measure is not valid in accordance with subsection (f)(2)(C) of this section.

(b) Districts which provide a bilingual education program shall administer an oral language proficiency test in the home language of the students who are eligible for being served in the bilingual education program. If the home language of the students is Spanish, the district shall administer the Spanish version of the TEA-approved oral language proficiency test which was administered in English. If the home language of the students is other than Spanish, the district shall determine the students' level of proficiency using informal oral language assessment measures.

(c) All the oral language proficiency testing shall be administered by professionals or paraprofessionals who are proficient in the language of the test and trained in language proficiency testing.

(d) The grade levels and the scores on each test which shall identify a student as limited English proficient shall be established by TEA. The commissioner of education shall review the approved list of tests, grade levels, and scores annually and update the list.

(e) Students with a language other than English shall be administered the required oral language proficiency test within four weeks of their enrollment. Norm-referenced assessment instruments, however, may be administered within the established norming period.

(f) For entry into a bilingual education or English as a second language program, a student shall be identified as limited English proficient using the following criteria.

(1) At prekindergarten through Grade 1, the score on the English oral language proficiency test is below the level designated for indicating limited English proficiency under subsection (d) of this section.

(2) At Grades 2-12:

(A) the student's score on the English oral language proficiency test is below the level designated for indicating limited English proficiency under subsection (d) of this section;

(B) the student's score on the reading and language arts sections of the TEA-approved norm-referenced measure at his or her grade level is below the 40th percentile; or

(C) the student's ability in English is so limited that the administration, at his or her grade level, of the reading and language arts sections of a TEA-approved norm-referenced assessment instrument or other test approved by TEA is not valid.

(3) In the absence of data required in paragraph (2)(B) of this subsection, evidence that the student is not academically successful as defined in subsection (j) of this section is required.

(g) Within the four weeks of their initial enrollment in the district, students shall be identified as limited English proficient and enrolled into the required bilingual education or English as a second language program. Prekindergarten and kindergarten students preregistered in the spring shall be identified as limited English proficient and enrolled in the required bilingual education or English as a second language program within four weeks of the start of the school year in the fall.

(h) For exit from a bilingual education or English as a second language program, a student may be classified as English proficient at the end of the school year in which a student would be able to participate equally in a regular, all-English, instructional program.

(1) This determination shall be based upon tests that measure the extent to which the student has developed oral and written language proficiency and specific language skills in both the student's primary language (for students enrolled in bilingual education) and English, and one of the following:

(A) meeting state performance standards for the English language criterion-referenced assessment instrument for reading and writing (when available) required in the Texas Education Code (TEC), §39.023, at grade level; or

(B) scoring at or above the 40th percentile on both the English reading and the English language arts sections of a TEA-approved norm-referenced assessment instrument.

(2) In making this determination, districts shall also consider other indications of a student's overall progress, including criterion-referenced test scores, subjective teacher evaluation, and parental evaluation.

(i) A student may not be exited from the bilingual education or English as a second language program in prekindergarten through Grade 1. A district must ensure that limited English proficient students are prepared to meet academic standards required by TEC, §28.0211.

(j) For determining whether a student who has been exited from a bilingual education or English as a second language program is academically successful, the following criteria shall be used at the end of the school year:

(1) the student meets state performance standards in English of the criterion-referenced assessment instrument required in the Texas Education Code, §39.023, for the grade level as applicable; and

(2) the student has passing grades in all subjects and courses taken.

Source: The provisions of this §89.1225 adopted to be effective September 1, 1996, 21 TexReg 5700; amended to be effective April 18, 2002, 27 TexReg 3107.

§89.1230. Eligible Students with Disabilities.

(a) Districts shall implement assessment procedures which differentiate between language proficiency and handicapping conditions in accordance with Subchapter AA of this chapter (relating to Special Education Services), and shall establish placement procedures which ensure that placement in a bilingual education or English as a second language program is not refused solely because the student has a disability.

(b) A professional member of the language proficiency assessment committee shall serve on the admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee of each limited English proficient student who qualifies for services in the special education program.

Source: The provisions of this §89.1230 adopted to be effective September 1, 1996, 21 TexReg 5700; amended to be effective March 5, 1999, 24 TexReg 1383.

§89.1233. Participation of Nonlimited English Proficiency Students.

Districts may enroll students who are not limited English proficient in the bilingual education program in accordance with the Texas Education Code, §29.058.

Source: The provisions of this §89.1233 adopted to be effective March 5, 1999, 24 TexReg 1383.

§89.1235. Facilities.

Bilingual education and English as a second language programs shall be located in the regular public schools of the district rather than in separate facilities. In order to provide the required bilingual education or English as a second language programs, districts may concentrate the programs at a limited number of schools within the district provided that the enrollment in those schools shall not exceed 60% limited English proficient students.

Source: The provisions of this §89.1235 adopted to be effective September 1, 1996, 21 TexReg 5700.

§89.1240. Parental Authority and Responsibility.

(a) The parents shall be notified that their child has been classified as limited English proficient and recommended for placement in the required bilingual education or English as a second language program. They shall be provided information describing the bilingual education or English as a second language program recommended, its benefits to the student, and its being an integral part of the school program to ensure that the parents understand the purposes and content of the program. The entry or placement of a student in the bilingual education or English as a second language program must be approved in writing by the student's parent. The parent's approval shall be considered valid for the student's continued participation in the required bilingual education or English as a second language program until the student meets the exit criteria described in §89.1225(h) of this title (relating to Testing and Classification of Students), graduates from high school, or the parent requests a change in program placement.

(b) The district shall notify the student's parent of the student's reclassification as English proficient and his or her exit from the bilingual education or English as a second language program and acquire approval as required under Texas Education Code, §29.056(a). Students meeting exit requirements may continue in the bilingual education or English as a second language program with parental approval but are not eligible for inclusion in the district bilingual education allotment.

(c) The parent of a student enrolled in a district which is required to offer bilingual education or English as a second language programs may appeal to the commissioner of education if the district fails to comply with the law or the rules. Appeals shall be filed in accordance with Chapter 157 of this title (relating to Hearings and Appeals).

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§89.1245. Staffing and Staff Development.

(a) School districts shall take all reasonable affirmative steps to assign appropriately certified teachers to the required bilingual education and English as a second language programs in accordance with the Texas Education Code, §29.061, concerning bilingual education and special language program teachers. Districts which are unable to secure a sufficient number of certified bilingual education and English as a second language teachers to provide the required programs, shall request emergency teaching permits or special assignment permits, as appropriate, in accordance with Chapter 230, Subchapter Q, of this title (relating to Permits).

(b) School districts which are unable to employ a sufficient number of teachers, including part-time teachers, who meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this section for the bilingual education and English as a second language programs shall apply on or before October 1 for an exception to the bilingual education program as provided in §89.1205(g) of this title (relating to Required Bilingual Education and English as a Second Language Programs) or a waiver of the certification requirements in the English as a second language program as provided in §89.1205(h) of this title (relating to Required Bilingual Education and English as a Second Language Programs) as needed.

(c) Teachers assigned to the bilingual education program and/or English as a second language program may receive salary supplements as authorized by the Texas Education Code, §42.153.

(d) Districts may compensate teachers and aides assigned to bilingual education and English as a second language programs for participation in continuing education programs designed to increase their skills or lead to bilingual education or English as a second language certification.

(e) Districts which are unable to staff their bilingual education and English as a second language programs with fully certified teachers shall use at least 10% of their bilingual education allotment for preservice and inservice training to improve the skills of the teachers who provide the instruction in the alternative bilingual education program, who provide instruction in English as a second language, and/or who provide content area instruction in special classes for limited English proficient students.

(f) The commissioner of education shall encourage districts to cooperate with colleges and universities to provide training for teachers assigned to the bilingual education and/or English as a second language programs.

(g) The Texas Education Agency (TEA) shall develop, in collaboration with Education Service Centers (ESCs), bilingual education training guides for implementing bilingual education and English as a second language training programs. The materials shall provide a framework for:

- (1) developmentally appropriate bilingual education programs for early childhood through the elementary grades;

(2) affectively appropriate instruction in bilingual education and English as a second language programs in accordance with §89.1210(c)(1) and §89.1210(e)(1) of this title (relating to Program Content and Design);

(3) linguistically appropriate bilingual education and English as a second language programs in accordance with §89.1210(c)(2) and §89.1210(e)(2) of this title (relating to Program Content and Design);

(4) cognitively appropriate programs for limited English proficient students in accordance with §89.1210(c)(3) and §89.1210(e)(3) of this title (relating to Program Content and Design); and

(5) developmentally appropriate programs for gifted and talented limited English proficient students and limited English proficient students with handicaps.

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§89.1250. Required Summer School Programs.

Summer school programs that are provided under the Texas Education Code, §29.060, for children of limited English proficiency who will be eligible for admission to kindergarten or first grade at the beginning of the next school year shall be implemented in accordance with this section.

(1) Purpose of summer school programs.

(A) Limited English proficient students shall have an opportunity to receive special instruction designed to prepare them to be successful in kindergarten and first grade.

(B) Instruction shall focus on language development and essential knowledge and skills appropriate to the level of the student.

(C) The program shall address the affective, linguistic, and cognitive needs of the limited English proficient students in accordance with §89.1210(c) and §89.1210(e) of this title (relating to Program Content and Design).

(2) Establishment of, and eligibility for, the program.

(A) Each district required to offer a bilingual or special language program in accordance with the Texas Education Code, §29.053, shall offer the

summer program. Programs under this subsection for students who will be in bilingual education kindergarten and first grade programs shall be bilingual education.

(B) To be eligible for enrollment, a student must be eligible for admission to kindergarten or to the first grade at the beginning of the next school year and must be limited English proficient.

(C) Limited English proficiency shall be determined by screening students using informal oral language inventories or oral proficiency instruments approved by the commissioner of education, or other appropriate instruments.

(3) Operation of the program.

(A) Enrollment in the program is optional with the parents of the student.

(B) The program shall be operated on a one-half day basis, a minimum of three hours each day, for eight weeks or the equivalent of 120 hours of instruction.

(C) The student/teacher ratio for the program district-wide shall not exceed 18 to one.

(D) A district is not required to provide transportation for the summer program.

(E) Teachers shall possess certification or endorsement as required in the Texas Education Code, §29.061, and §89.1245 of this title (relating to Staffing and Staff Development).

(F) Reporting of student progress shall be determined by the board of trustees. A summary of student progress shall be provided to parents at the conclusion of the program. This summary shall be provided to the student's teacher at the beginning of the next regular school term.

(G) A district may join with other districts in cooperative efforts to plan and implement programs.

(H) The summer school program shall not substitute for any other program required to be provided during the regular school term, including those required in the Texas Education Code, §29.153.

(4) Funding and records for programs.

(A) A district shall use state and local funds for program purposes. Districts may use federal funds, consistent with requirements for the expenditure of federal funds, for the program.

(i) Available funds appropriated by the legislature for the support of summer school programs provided under the Texas Education Code, §29.060, shall be allocated to school districts in accordance with this subsection.

(ii) Funding for the summer school program shall be on a unit basis in such an allocation system to ensure a pupil/teacher ratio of not more than 18 to one. The numbers of students required to earn units shall be established by the commissioner of education. The allotment per unit shall be determined by the commissioner based on funds available.

(iii) Any district required to offer the program under paragraph (2)(A) of this subsection that has less than ten students district-wide desiring to participate is not required to operate the program. However, those districts must demonstrate that they have aggressively attempted to encourage student participation.

(iv) Payment to districts for summer school programs shall be based on units employed.

(v) Districts shall apply to the commissioner of education for funding of summer school programs operated under this subsection. Applications for funding shall contain the number of students who will participate in the program and other information necessary to assure the commissioner that programs will be operated in accordance with this subsection.

(B) A district shall maintain records of eligibility, attendance, and progress of students.

Source: The provisions of this §89.1250 adopted to be effective September 1, 1996, 21 TexReg 5700; amended to be effective April 18, 2002, 27 TexReg 3107; amended to be effective February 17, 2005, 30 TexReg 709.

§89.1260. Monitoring of Programs and Enforcing Law and Commissioner's Rules.

(a) Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff who are trained in assessing bilingual education and English as a second language programs shall monitor each school district in the state

and enforce this subchapter in accordance with the Texas Education Code, §29.062 and §42.153.

(b) To ensure a comprehensive monitoring and assessment effort of each district at least every three years, data reported by the district in the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS), data required by the commissioner of education, and data gathered through on-site monitoring will be used.

Source: The provisions of this §89.1260 adopted to be effective September 1, 1996, 21 TexReg 5700.

§89.1265. Evaluation.

(a) All districts required to conduct a bilingual education or English as a second language program shall conduct periodic assessment and continuous diagnosis in the languages of instruction to determine program impact and student outcomes in all subject areas.

(b) Annual reports of educational performance shall reflect the academic progress in either language of the limited English proficient students, the extent to which they are becoming proficient in English, the number of students who have been exited from the bilingual education and English as a second language programs, and the number of teachers and aides trained and the frequency, scope, and results of the training. These reports shall be retained at the district level to be made available to monitoring teams according to §89.1260 of this title (relating to Monitoring of Programs and Enforcing Law and Commissioner's Rules).

(c) Districts shall report to parents the progress of their child as a result of participation in the program offered to limited English proficient students in English and the home language at least annually.

(d) Each school year, the principal of each school campus, with the assistance of the campus level committee, shall develop, review, and revise the campus improvement plan described in the Texas Education Code, §11.253, for the purpose of improving student performance for limited English proficient students.

Source: The provisions of this §89.1265 adopted to be effective September 1, 1996, 21 TexReg 5700; amended to be effective April 18, 2002, 27 TexReg 3107.