

The Texas Education Agency's (TEA) English Learner Support Division is excited to initiate the Multilingual Outreach Advisory Council to assist in developing and enhancing awareness of statewide multilingual resources to support multilingual families in Texas. One out of five students in Texas are identified as an emergent bilingual student, representing 1.1 million students. The English Learner Support Division recognizes that many of our students enrolled in Texas public schools come from multilingual families with a broad range of experiences with the educational system. Through a partnership with the Advisory Council, the English Learner Support Division will provide schools with training opportunities to assist and support educators in strengthening their understanding, communication, and awareness of their multilingual populations.

Key Purposes

- The Advisory Council is intended to be composed of a diverse group of stakeholders who support multilingual families (e.g., educators, faith-based organizations, nonprofit organizations focusing supports on multilingual families, and family members) who will share valuable knowledge and expertise in promoting and bridging connections among multilingual families, schools, and the community.
- Council members will provide perspectives from their professional and personal experiences to help develop a statewide multilingual awareness campaign of multilingual resources.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Advisory Council will meet via Zoom monthly between February 2022 and August 2022. Council members will also receive regular communications through email and possibly phone calls. During monthly meetings, council members will

- discuss current statewide multilingual outreach efforts;
- identify the current needs of multilingual families that are known to the council members;
- provide input and feedback on statewide resources distributed by the TEA English Learner Support Division; and
- share innovative ideas on how to increase awareness of supports to multilingual families.

Council members will have opportunities to share their expertise and to network with each other to build new professional connections. In addition, TEA looks forward to publicly recognizing its Advisory Council members and inviting council members to present at its statewide hybrid symposium in July 2022.

Applying to Join the Advisory Council

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Advisory Council, please complete the short application available through this [link](#).

Applications will be accepted until January 17, 2022, 5 p.m. CST.
Selected members will be notified by February 7, 2022.