



# EMERGENT BILINGUAL STUDENTS IN TEXAS

## FACT SHEET #3 - TEACHER CERTIFICATIONS

### Bilingual Certification

#### Certification Requirements by Program Model:

Departmentalization vs. Paired Teaching at the Elementary Level

Program Model	Departmentalization	Paired Teaching
Dual Language Immersion Program Models: One-Way and Two-Way	ALL teachers must be certified in:  Bilingual Education <u>TEC Code 29.061</u>	The teacher delivering the English component of instruction must be certified in either  Bilingual Education or English as a Second Language
Transitional Bilingual Education Program Models: Early Exit and Late Exit	ALL teachers must be certified in:  Bilingual Education <u>TEC Code 29.061</u>	

#### Bilingual Certification Exams



##### Bilingual Supplemental #164

This exam addresses the foundations and history of bilingualism and bilingual education, the processes of first and second language acquisition and development, and the knowledge of content area instruction and assessment in both L1 and L2.

##### Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test (BTLPT)

This exam assesses the educator's linguistic abilities in a language other than English in the four domains: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. Bilingual target language exams are available in the following languages:

- Spanish
- Arabic
- American Sign Language
- Vietnamese
- Chinese
- Japanese

For information about testing vendors for languages other than Spanish, go to the [Test Registration and Preparation](#) site.

### Resources

#### Educator Certification

This is the first step in getting certified. These sites offer information and assistance for educators, school districts, and the public.

[TEA Certification Site](#)  
[Texas Education Certification Examination Program Site](#)

#### Bilingual Education Certification Pathways

This resource provides different pathways for teachers who are obtaining their bilingual education certification.

[Bilingual Certification Pathways \(PDF\)](#)

#### Bilingual Certification Training & Preparation Manuals

Courses and manuals were developed to provide supplemental training for Texas educators who are interested in seeking bilingual certification necessary to teach in a bilingual education classroom.

[TXEL Bilingual Certification Site](#)

#### Bilingual Education Exception

This site and PDF provide explanatory scenario chains for bilingual education certification, and helpful resources when submitting a Bilingual Education Exception for teachers who are not appropriately certified. All applications must be submitted by November 1st each year.

[TEA Bilingual Education Exception Resources Page](#)  
[Bilingual Education Exception Scenario Chain](#)

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



#### Certification Requirements by Program Model

Program Model	Instructional Approach
ESL Content-Based	All teachers must be ESL Certified in an ESL Content-Based program, either in a self-contained classroom or departmentalized.  <u>TEC Code 29.061</u>
ESL Pull-Out	Emergent bilingual students receive instruction in English Language Arts and reading (ELAR) by an ESL certified teacher. A pull-out model can be implemented <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• by an ELAR and ESL certified teacher within the ELAR Classroom</li><li>• through co-teaching of an ESL certified teacher and ELAR certified teacher</li><li>• through an additional ESL/ELAR course provided by an ESL and ELAR certified teacher</li></ul>

An assignment for either ESL program model is allowed with the appropriate grade level and subject area with a bilingual education certificate rather than an ESL certificate. It is important to note that some particular courses designed for emergent bilingual students may require the teacher of the course to be ESL certified, such as English to Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) I and II, the English Learners Language Arts (ELLA) courses for grades 7 and 8, and the English Language Development and Acquisition (ELDA) course for high school.

#### ESL Certification Exam

##### ESL Supplemental #154

This exam addresses the foundations and history of ESL education, language concepts and language acquisition, as well as the knowledge of ESL instruction and assessment. This exam will need to be taken in addition to a subject area content exam for a valid Texas classroom teaching certificate.



### Resources



#### Educator Certification

This is the first step in getting certified. The TEA site offers information and assistance for educators, school districts, and the public. The Texas Education Certification Examination Program is where educators go to register and prepare for certification exams.

[TEA Certification Site](#)

[Texas Education Certification Examination Program Site](#)

#### ESL Waiver Resources

This site provides explanatory scenario chains for ESL certifications and helpful resources when submitting an ESL Waiver for teachers who are not appropriately certified. All applications must be submitted by November 1st each year.

[TEA ESL Waiver Resources Page](#)

#### ESL Certification Training and Preparation Manual

The purpose of this online course and manual is dedicated to Texas educators who are seeking appropriate English as a Second Language (ESL) certification necessary for instructing in an ESL program. The preparation course and manual are free to Texas educators seeking ESL certification in order to build capacity in their Local Education Agency (LEA).

[TXEL ESL Certification Site](#)

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