



Texarkana ISD

The Texarkana ISD Multilingual Education Department is dedicated to fostering a supportive environment for emergent bilingual students and their families. By gathering feedback from parents and students, the department identified critical areas for improvement, such as feelings of belonging and relationship-building within the school community. Acknowledging the challenges posed by the pandemic and the increasing variety of languages of EB families, the department implemented engaging events and activities that prioritize family involvement and connection. Initiatives like the Multilingual Poetry Slam and Loteria foster a sense of ownership among families while offering necessary support, such as childcare and homework assistance during educational events.

To further enhance the home-school connection, the department has developed innovative practices tailored to meet the unique needs of its community. Events like Cafecito with Ms. Hanson provide informal spaces for students and families to engage with educators. At the same time, the Latino Family Literacy program equips families with essential skills for navigating the educational landscape. By leveraging community resources and fostering collaboration between parents and teachers, Dr. Mindy Basurto, Lucia Ochoa, and the Multilingual Education Department are committed to creating a vibrant educational experience that celebrates the uniqueness of the community and enhances student outcomes across Texarkana ISD.

