



## BILINGUAL EDUCATION OR ESL WAIVERS

The Texas Education Agency requires teachers serving emergent bilingual students in bilingual/ESL programs to be appropriately certified. Teachers serving in bilingual education programs must first obtain a content/grade level Texas teaching certificate and a bilingual education certification. Teachers serving in ESL programs must first obtain a content/grade level Texas teaching certificate and an ESL supplemental certification or a bilingual education certificate.



**Bilingual education and ESL certification requirements apply to all districts, open-enrollment charters and districts of innovation.**

Teachers serving emergent bilingual (EB) students in a bilingual education or ESL classroom without appropriate certification, will need to be placed under a bilingual exception or ESL waiver for the current year.

*If a teacher obtains an emergency permit, an intern, probationary, or standard bilingual education certificate, he or she is appropriately certified for the bilingual education or ESL program. Therefore, a bilingual education exception or ESL waiver is not needed for this teacher/classroom.*



## CERTIFICATION PATHWAYS

### 1 EMERGENCY PERMITS

#### Rules:

- ▶ District's online request and district's \$57 payment due at the time of submission.
- ▶ District's online request must be completed within 45 instructional days.
- ▶ Teacher must meet:
  - ▷ minimum requirements for the grade level and type of assignment and
  - ▷ hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree.
- ▶ Valid for one school year and cannot be renewed.
- ▶ Submission of permits begins July 1st for the next school year.

#### Requirements:

- ▶ Certified educators at the grade level of assignment.
  - ▷ Six semester hours in bilingual education for targeted language or language proficiency test passed (such as the BTLPT or ACTFL-American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages).
  - ▷ Registered for the next available test(s).

### 2 INTERN CERTIFICATION

#### Exams required to obtain intern certification

- ▶ Bilingual Target Language Proficiency (BTLPT),
- ▶ Bilingual Supplemental, and
- ▶ Core Subjects Early Childhood – 6th Grade.

### 3 PROBATIONARY OR STANDARD CERTIFICATION

#### Complete educator preparation program (EPP) obligations and receive EPP recommendation

- ▶ Receive School district's recommendation and
- ▶ Pass Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (PPR) exam or edTPA (Teacher Performance Assessment).