



Certifications for Serving English Learners in Texas

FACT SHEET #3

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

BILINGUAL CERTIFICATION:
Departmentalization vs. Paired Teaching at the Elementary Level

PROGRAM MODEL	DEPARTMENTALIZATION	PAIRED TEACHING
Transitional Bilingual Education Program Models: early-exit and late-exit	ALL teachers must be certified in bilingual education TEC Code 29.061	
Dual Language Program Models: One-way and Two-way	ALL teachers must be certified in Bilingual Education TEC Code 29.061	The teacher delivering the English component of instruction must be certified in either bilingual education or English as a Second Language (ESL)

An assignment for the English component only of a dual language immersion/one-way or two-way program model is allowed with a valid classroom teaching certificate appropriate for the grade level and subject areas taught with a bilingual education certificate or an ESL certificate.



Bilingual Education certification exams are provided in multiple languages

- Spanish
 - Arabic
 - Japanese
 - American Sign Language
 - Chinese
 - Vietnamese
- [Required Test Chart for Texas Certification](#)

ESL CERTIFICATION:

PROGRAM MODEL	INSTRUCTIONAL APPROACH
Content-Based ESL	All teachers must be ESL Certified in an ESL Content-Based program, either in a self-contained classroom or departmentalized. TEC Code 29.061
Pull-Out ESL	English learners 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"> • by an ELAR and ESL certified teacher within the ELAR Classroom • through co-teaching of an ESL certified teacher and ELAR certified teacher • through an additional ESL/ELAR course provided by an ESL and ELAR certified teacher

An assignment for either English as a Second Language (ESL) program model is allowed with a valid classroom teaching certificate appropriate for the grade level and subject areas taught with a bilingual education certificate or an ESL certificate. It is important to note that some particular courses designed for English learners 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.



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EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION

This is the first step in getting certified. This site offers information and assistance for educators, school districts, and the public.



BILINGUAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PATHWAYS

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

ESL CERTIFICATION TRAINING

The purpose of this online course is to provide supplemental training on Domain I, II and III of the TExES (ESL) Supplemental #154 exam. The preparation course is free to Texas educators seeking ESL certification in order to build capacity in their Local Education Agency (LEA).



ESL PREPARATION MANUAL

This manual is dedicated to Texas educators who are seeking appropriate English as a Second Language (ESL) certification necessary for instructing in an ESL program. Specifically, this resource equips Texas educators who desire to increase capacity in their districts and to enhance their existing ESL programs beyond minimum compliance standard.



BILINGUAL EDUCATION AND ESL WAIVER RESOURCE

This site provides explanatory scenario chains for bilingual education and ESL certifications, and helpful resources when submitting a Bilingual Education Exception and or an ESL Waiver for teachers who are not appropriately certified.

