

September 27, 2018

<b>Action Required: Applications Due November 1, 2018</b>
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TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

**SUBJECT: Bilingual Education Exceptions and Waivers for English as a Second Language**

The 2018-2019 Bilingual Education Exception and English as a Second Language (ESL) Waiver application and instructions are now available on the TEA Bilingual and ESL Programs webpage at <http://tea.texas.gov/bilingual/esl/education/>. All applications are due on or before November 1, 2018 and must be submitted to the Texas Education Agency as an attachment to: [BilingualExceptions\\_ESLWaivers@tea.texas.gov](mailto:BilingualExceptions_ESLWaivers@tea.texas.gov).

#### **Bilingual Education Exception**

Districts or charter schools that are **unable to provide bilingual certified teachers to implement the required bilingual program** must request from the Commissioner of Education an exception to the bilingual education program and approval to offer an alternative program. For districts or charter schools implementing a bilingual education program at the secondary level, the same certification requirements apply.

#### **ESL Program Waiver**

Districts or charter schools that are **unable to provide ESL certified teachers to implement the required ESL program** must request from the Commissioner of Education a waiver of the certification requirements for teachers who will provide ESL instruction.

If you have questions or need additional information regarding Bilingual Education Exceptions and/or ESL Waivers, please call (512) 463-9414 or email the English Learner Support Division at [EnglishLearnerSupport@tea.texas.gov](mailto:EnglishLearnerSupport@tea.texas.gov).