

## Chapter 114. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Languages Other Than English

### Subchapter A. Elementary

*Statutory Authority: The provisions of this Subchapter A issued under the Texas Education Code, §7.102(c)(4) and §28.002, unless otherwise noted.*

#### **§114.3. Implementation of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Languages Other Than English, Elementary, Adopted 2014.**

- (a) The provisions of this section and §114.4 of this title (relating to Languages Other Than English, Elementary, Adopted 2014) shall be implemented by school districts.
- (b) No later than August 31, 2016, the commissioner of education shall determine whether instructional materials funding has been made available to Texas public schools for materials that cover the essential knowledge and skills for languages other than English as adopted in §114.4 of this title.
- (c) If the commissioner makes the determination that instructional materials funding has been made available under subsection (b) of this section, §114.4 of this title shall be implemented beginning with the 2017-2018 school year and apply to the 2017-2018 and subsequent school years.
- (d) If the commissioner does not make the determination that instructional materials funding has been made available under subsection (b) of this section, the commissioner shall determine no later than August 31 of each subsequent school year whether instructional materials funding has been made available. If the commissioner determines that instructional materials funding has been made available, the commissioner shall notify the State Board of Education and school districts that §114.4 of this title shall be implemented for the following school year.
- (e) Section 114.1 of this title (relating to Implementation of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Languages Other Than English, Elementary) and §114.2 of this title (relating to Languages Other Than English, Elementary) shall be superseded by the implementation of this section and §114.4 of this title.

*Source: The provisions of this §114.3 adopted to be effective July 15, 2014, 39 TexReg 5385; amended to be effective December 31, 2014, 39 TexReg 10471.*

#### **§114.4. Languages Other Than English, Elementary, Adopted 2014.**

- (a) According to the National Standards for Foreign Language Learning, advanced level language proficiency is necessary for college and career readiness. To that end, students should have uninterrupted, consistent access to early standards-based learning experiences in languages other than English. School districts are strongly encouraged to offer languages other than English in the elementary grades in immersion or Foreign Language in Elementary Schools (FLES) settings with consistent and frequent exposure. For districts that offer languages in elementary school, the expected student outcomes are the same as those designated at levels I-IV in Subchapter C of this chapter (relating to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Languages Other Than English).
- (b) Districts may offer a level of a language in a variety of scheduling arrangements that may extend or reduce the traditional schedule when careful consideration is given to the instructional time available on a campus and the language ability, access to programs, and motivation of students.

*Source: The provisions of this §114.4 adopted to be effective July 15, 2014, 39 TexReg 5385.*