2022 Emergent Bilingual Summer School Guidance

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are required to provide summer school for emergent bilingual (EB) students served in bilingual education and English as a second language (ESL) programs entering kindergarten and grade 1 (Texas Education Code Sec. 29.060; Texas Administrative Code §89.1250). The required summer school program is intended to prepare our youngest EB students for linguistic and academic success in early grades. This program provides multiple opportunities for students to engage with meaningful linguistic and academic experiences to prepare them for the next grade level.

Requirements

The emergent bilingual (EB) student summer school program guidance described in Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §89.1250 will be fully applicable for the summer of 2022 as listed below.

- LEAs must offer summer school to families of EB students if they are required to offer bilingual or English as a second language (ESL) programs [TAC §89.1250 (2)(A)].
- To be eligible for enrollment, a student must be eligible for kindergarten or grade 1 during the 2022-2023 school year, be identified as an emergent bilingual, and have parental/guardian approval for bilingual/ESL program placement [TAC §89.1250 (2)(B)].
- Instruction focuses on language development and essential knowledge and skills appropriate to the level of the student [TAC §89.1250 (1)(B)].
- Program addresses the affective, linguistic, and cognitive needs of EB students [TAC §89.1250 (1)(C)].
- Enrollment is optional [TAC § 89.1250 (3)(A)].
- Duration of the program should be 120 hours of instruction [TAC §89.1250 (3)(B)].
- Student/teacher ratio does not exceed 18:1 [TAC §89.1250 (3)(C)].
- A school that operates on a semester system shall offer the program during the period school is recessed for the summer. A school that operates on a system permitted by this code other than a semester system shall offer 120 hours of instruction on a schedule the board of trustees of the district establishes [TEC Sec. 29.060 (a)].
- Program is staffed by teachers appropriately certified for the bilingual/ESL program [TAC §89.1250 (3)(E)].
- Reporting of student progress shall be determined by the board of trustees. A summary of student progress shall be provided to parents/guardians at the conclusion of the program and next year’s teacher [TAC §89.1250 (3)(F)].
- LEAs must document that they have communicated to parents/guardians and encouraged participation in multiple ways; however, if an LEA has fewer than 10 students LEA-wide desiring to participate, they are not required to provide the program [TAC §89.1250 (4)(A)(iii)].
- An LEA shall maintain records of eligibility, attendance, and progress of students [TAC §89.1250 (4)(B)].
- An LEA shall use state and local funds for program purposes [TAC §89.1250 (4)(A)].
- Funding for the summer school program shall be on a unit basis in such an allocation system to ensure a pupil/teacher ratio of not more than 18:1. Payment to LEAs for summer school programs shall be based on units employed [TAC §89.1250 (4)(A)(ii);(iv)].
Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is there flexibility for completing the 2022 bilingual education and ESL summer school requirements for emergent bilingual (EB) students entering kindergarten and grade 1 (Texas Education Code Sec. 29.060; Texas Administrative Code §89.1250)?

No. Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are required to offer 120 hours of instruction that are supplemental to the regular school year and must be completed during the summer intermission without extending into the 2022-2023 school year.

2. Are remote or hybrid methods of delivery permissible during 2022 EB student summer school?

No. The 120 hours of instruction are to be fulfilled through in-person instruction with a student to teacher ratio not to exceed 18:1.

3. How will reimbursement be calculated for EB summer school?

- Reimbursement amounts will be based on teaching units with 18 students or a fraction thereof. Allotments will be prorated on this unit value.
- Based on 2021 EB student summer school program costs, LEAs will receive reimbursements of approximately $1,300 per unit. This is subject to change based on the number of total units statewide for 2022 EB student summer school.
- Business managers should be informed that the fund code is 289 and that payment to the LEA will be provided through direct deposit.

4. How will LEAs report EB summer school participation for summer 2021 and summer 2022?

EB student summer school participation is collected through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS).

- **2021 EB Summer School**: For LEAs completing the 2021 EB Summer School program during the 2021-2022 school year, participation data of students not reported in PEIMS Extended year of August 2021 will be collected through PEIMS Submission 4 by August 25, 2022. Reimbursement to LEAs will be provided through direct deposit in fall of 2022.
- **2022 EB Summer School**: Participation data will be collected through PEIMS Submission 4 by August 25, 2022. Reimbursement to LEAs will be provided through direct deposit in fall of 2022.