



Merkel ISD

Bilingual Education Program

District Responsibility

1. Identify English learners based on criteria established by the state.
2. Provide bilingual education or ESL programs as integral parts of the general program.
3. Seek appropriately certified teacher personnel to ensure that English learners are afforded full opportunity to master the essential knowledge and skills; and
4. Assess achievement for essential knowledge and skills in accordance with Education Code Chapter 29 to ensure accountability for English learners and the schools that serve them.

Merkel Program Model

English as a Second Language (ESL) is an English language instruction program provided by ESL certified teachers who are trained in effective second language acquisition methods. The goal of this program is for English language learners to attain full proficiency in English in order to participate equitably in school.



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Program Goals

1. Identification - Identify students through the home language survey and an english language assessment.
2. Placement - The Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC) meets to determine eligibility for ESL.
3. Annual Review/Reclassification - LPAC meets annually to determine if the student continues with the program or is eligible for reclassification.
4. Monitoring - After reclassification, students are monitored for two years to determine progress.

Link to informational flyer

https://www.txel.org/media/zydfzwhd/parents-and-family-eslchart_5-21-19.pdf