



ALL STUDENTS SHOULD ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN A WELL-BALANCED CURRICULUM

Our Mission

The mission of the Dunkirk City School District, through mutual cooperation and shared responsibility with the entire community, is to empower all students to clearly perceive their goals while developing their skills, knowledge and values to become life-long learners and independent, productive citizens in a multi-cultural world.



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BILINGUALISM MATTERS



**DUNKIRK CITY
SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

**BILINGUAL
EDUCATION:
BENEFITS FOR
YOUR CHILDREN!**

What is the goal of Bilingual Education?

The goals are:

- Provide English Language Learners (ELLs), whose first language is Spanish, and who have limited English proficiency, with equal access to education through the use of two languages: Spanish and English.
- Develop English language proficiency and facilitate mastery in accordance with the New York State Education Department (NYSED) Commissioner's Regulations Part 154 and the New York State (NYS) Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS).

Who would qualify for the bilingual education program.?

The program serves:

- English Language Learners, whose first language is Spanish.

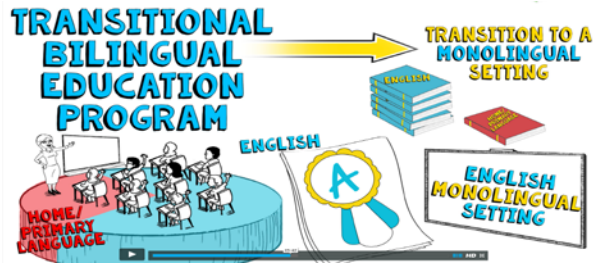
How will the Bilingual Education Program help my child?

The bilingual program:

- Supports English Language Learners' linguistic and academic needs because it is grounded on best practice and research-based instructional strategies.
- Provides equal access to the NYS CCLS by facilitating instruction in Spanish and English.
- Instills a positive identity, self-assurance, cultural pride, and confidence in students.
- Bridges students' academic achievement in core curriculum (from the home language— Spanish to the target language—English).

Will my child learn English?

- **YES!** Academic instruction begins in Spanish, the student's first language, and transitions to English.
- **YES!** English as a New Language (ENL), formerly titled English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction is an integral part of the bilingual education program.



Will my child be taught the same subjects and learn the same skills as students in the regular program?

- **YES!** All students in Bilingual Education must receive instruction in accordance to the NYSED Commissioner's Regulations Part 154 and Learning Standards in their first language, Spanish, and in English.

Can I choose for my child to opt out of the Bilingual Education Program?

- **YES!** Although the BE Program is the District's default program for ELLs, parents can opt out.

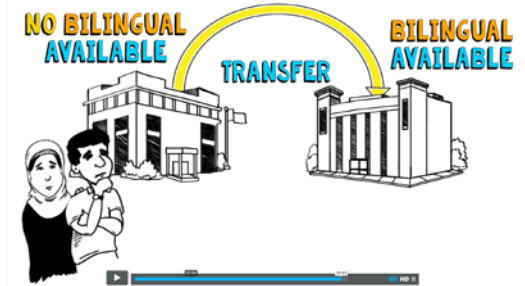


How can I become involved in the Bilingual Education Program?

- You can join the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), and you can become a volunteer to help in the classroom and after school activities.
- You can encourage your child to achieve by showing interest in learning and school work, and you can provide a place to study at home.
- You can model literacy by reading and writing with your child in Spanish and/or English.

Can I transfer my child who is an ELL to the District's schools that offer the Bilingual Education classes?

- **YES!** If your child is in a District school that doesn't offer a BE class for your child's grade and another District school does, you can transfer your child to that school with the grade level BE class.



Where can I obtain additional Information?

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NYSED Parent Orientation Video:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/biling/bilinged/parent-information/parent-orientation-videos.html>