

Our Programs

Flossmoor School District 161's English Learner (EL) program provides services for students who speak a language other than English or who have a language other than English normally spoken in the home. The District 161 EL program has two components:

- English as a Second Language (Transitional Program of Instruction) - English as a Second Language (ESL) services are offered in schools in which there are 19 or fewer Limited English Proficient (LEP) students in the same language group.
- Bilingual Education (Transitional Bilingual Education) - In accordance with Illinois Code, schools in which there are 20 or more LEP students of the same language group offer a Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE) program for those students.

English Learners are assigned to a general education classroom and receive specialized instruction from an ESL and/or Bilingual teacher focusing on listening, speaking, reading, and writing in English. The amount of EL instruction a student receives is based upon the level of English Language Proficiency. Students are assessed once a year using the ACCESS test, and exit the program once they receive a score of 4.8 or higher. Students will continue to be monitored to ensure continued academic success for four years after exiting the program.

Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee

The Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC) is for parents who have a child in Flossmoor School District's Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE) or Transitional Program of Instruction (TPI). Schools with State Mandated Transitional Bilingual programs are required to establish a Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC).

Mission:

The mission of the Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee is for parents and school district staff to work together to meet the needs of our multilingual students and their families.

Goals:

- To engage families in the educational process
- To provide quality programs for families
- To build community within the program

Contact Meagan Franko, District EL Coordinator, if you are interested in attending our meetings and events.

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