

## What is the Bilingual/ ESL program?

We offer two language programs to assist students and their families in acquiring English.

- Bilingual Program:
  - BISD offers a bilingual education program in elementary that is provided by teachers certified in bilingual education and who are trained in effective second language acquisition methods. The goal of bilingual education programs is for English learners to build on their primary language and literacy skills to attain full proficiency in English in order to participate equitably in school
- English as a Second Language (ESL) Program:
  - ESL is an intensive English language instruction program provided from grades K-12 by ESL certified teachers who are trained in effective second language acquisition methods. The goal of ESL programs is for English learners to attain full proficiency in English in order to participate equitably in school.

## Other Resources:

### **Norma Mercado**

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### **Adult Education:**

- [Community Action of Central Texas](#)
- [Adult ESL/ GED classes](#)



## Bilingual/ ESL Resources for Parents

### **Mellisabel Eaves**

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## Who am I?

My name is Mellisabel Eaves, I am a proud Bastrop High School graduate. I have lived in Bastrop for 20 years, I am originally from South Texas. I grew up in a Spanish dominant home and because the primary language in my home was not English, I participated in the Bilingual/ESL program from K-5th grade. The resources that the Bilingual/ESL program offered not just helped me in school but helped my mother as well. I would like to be able to provide assistance to BISDs English Learner (EL) Families, Parents, and Community with resources for success.

## What is my role?

### LPAC Clerk:

- Assist the Director of Bilingual/ESL programs with District-wide English Language Learner (EL) documentation, record keeping, and Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC) processes

### Title III Parent Liaison:

- The purpose of Title III is to help ensure that English Learners (ELs) attain English language proficiency and meet state academic standards.
- Parent Liaison, empower parents to become active participants in the education of their children. By encouraging parent involvement in the school, foster trust between parents and the educational community, and facilitate parent-school communication.

<b>Parents</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>Community</b>
Provide parents with skills, activities, and training needed to improve their English language skills and become more active participants in their child's education.	Provide families with the required parent and family literacy services, activities, and training needed to improve their English language skills.	Participation in activities or events within the community in which English learners, parents, and family members can take part in.

## What does that mean for you?

- Point of contact for Bilingual/ESL students // Parent support and parent meetings.
- I work to bridge the communication between school and home by helping parents get information, support, and the help they need to ensure their child's academic and social success in school.

