

Class Size Waiver for Dual Language Classrooms

Current Challenges

- Inability for Dual Language teachers to meet requirement of teaching a minimum of 50% in the target language (Spanish, Mandarin, Vietnamese)
- Challenges for teachers to instruct students in their native language to read specifically in grades PreK, Kinder, 1st when their classrooms are mixed with monolingual and bilingual student groups
- Inability for teachers to instruct students in English only when students are moved into a bilingual classrooms
- Inability for teachers to instruct students in the target language without translating when English only students are moved into their classrooms

Class Size Waiver Requirements

- § 25.112. CLASS SIZE.
- § 25.113. NOTICE OF CLASS SIZE. (a) A campus or district that is granted an exception under Section [25.112](#)(d) from class size limits shall provide written notice of the exception to the parent of or person standing in parental relation to each student affected by the exception.

Requirements Imposed by the Texas Education Code That Inhibit the District's Goals

A school district may not enroll more than 22 students in a kindergarten, first, second, third, or fourth grade class.

Rationale for Innovations

Students required to receive bilingual education need to do so in a classroom environment that allows for fidelity to the best practices of the bilingual instructional model.

Students required to receive an English only education need to do so need to do so in a classroom environment that allows for fidelity to the best practices of the a general education instructional model.

Guiding Principles

The goal of all bilingual education programs shall be to enable English language learners to become competent in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in the English language through the development of literacy and academic skills in the primary language and English.

Dual Language Specific:

*Minimum of 50% to a maximum of 9-% of instruction in the target language

*Strategic separation of languages for instruction (no translation)

*K-12 commitment

Alignment to AISD Strategic Plan

Commitment 1: Achieve excellence by delivering a high-quality education to every student.

Commitment 5: Develop civically engaged students.