

Transitional Bilingual Education Program

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Program Overview

Kennewick School District believes in ensuring that English Language Learners do not fall behind academically while they learn English. We believe that English should be taught gradually as a second language without sacrificing content knowledge. If students first learn to read in their native language, and then transfer skills to English, they will develop stronger literacy skills in the long term. In our increasingly global society, we encourage native language retention as students are taught English.

Program Models

- **Transitional Bilingual classrooms** – Grades: Kindergarten, First, Second and Third
In the Kennewick School District, native Spanish speaking students are taught in Spanish fifty percent of the day. Literacy is taught in Spanish; math, science and social studies are taught in English. By the beginning of third grade, all instruction is in English, with students receiving support to transition to English literacy.
- **Dual Language classrooms** – Grades: Kindergarten to Fifth
The dual language program is a language oriented program designed to build fluency in both English and Spanish. Elementary-age children have the chance to become bilingual, bi-literate, have cross-cultural awareness, and high academic achievement in two languages. Spanish and English instruction is always kept separate, allowing for maximizing concentration of both languages. Heterogeneous groupings during the Spanish and English portions of the day provide students with opportunities to assist and learn from one another, allowing language acquisition to occur naturally. The dual language program is an “additive bilingual” program meaning that all students learn a second language without compromising their first language.
- **Sheltered Instruction classrooms** – Grades: Sixth to Twelfth
Students learning English in these classrooms receive all of their instruction in English. Teachers use strategies specific to students acquiring English while teaching the district adopted curricula.

- **English as a Second Language (ESL)** – Grades: Kindergarten to Twelfth
Any student that qualifies for services can receive assistance learning English. The best instruction is content-based meaning English is learned through math, science or social studies. The goal of ESL is to promote the fluency of English through the use of oral language, reading, writing, and vocabulary building activities.

Programs Currently Offered

Amistad Elementary School (Transitional Bilingual and ESL)

930 W. 4th Ave.
Kennewick, WA 99336
509.222.5100
509.222.5101 (FAX)
Andy Woehler, Principal

Eastgate Elementary School (Transitional Bilingual and ESL)

910 E. 10th Ave.
Kennewick, WA 99336
509.222.5400
509.222.5401 (FAX)
Niki Arnold-Smith, Principal

Edison Elementary School (Dual Language)

201 S. Dawes St.
Kennewick, WA 99336
509.222.5500
509.222. 5501 (FAX)
Bruce Cannard, Principal

Hawthorne Elementary School (Dual Language)

3520 W. John Day Ave.
Kennewick, WA 99336
509.222.5600
509.222. 5601 (FAX)
Craig Miller, Principal

Ridge View Elementary School (ESL)

7001 W. 13th Ave.
Kennewick, WA 99338
509.222.5800
509.222.5801 (FAX)
Lori Butler, Principal

Westgate Elementary School (ESL)

2514 W. 4th Ave.
Kennewick, WA 99336
509.222.6300
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Dale Kern, Principal

ESL support provided through paraeducators

Canyon View Elementary School
Cascade Elementary School
Lincoln Elementary School
Southgate Elementary School
Sunset View Elementary School
Vista Elementary School
Washington Elementary School

Highlands Middle School (Sheltered Instruction and ESL)

425 S. Tweedt St.
Kennewick, WA 99336
509.222.6700
509.222.6701 (FAX)
Scott Parker, Principal

Horse Heaven Hills Middle School (ESL)

3500 S. Vancouver
Kennewick, WA 99337
509.222.6800
509.222.6801 (FAX)
Susan Denslow, Principal

Park Middle School (Sheltered Instruction and ESL)

1011 W. 10th Ave.
Kennewick, WA 99336
509.222.6900
509.222.6901 (FAX)
Kevin Pierce, Principal

Kamiakin High School (Sheltered Instruction and ESL)

600 N. Arthur St.
Kennewick, WA 99336
509.222.7000
509.222.7001 (FAX)
Chris Chelin, Principal

Kennewick High School (Sheltered Instruction and ESL)
500 S. Dayton St.
Kennewick WA 99336
509.222.7100
509.222.7101 (FAX)
Van Cummings, Principal

Southridge High School (Sheltered Instruction and ESL)
3520 Southridge Blvd.
Kennewick, WA 99338
509.222.7200
509.222.7201 (FAX)
Steve Biehn, Principal

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