



The Dual Language/English as a Second Language (DL/ESL) Department focuses on increasing student achievement by addressing the academic, linguistic, and social needs of Emergent Bilinguals (EBs). To accomplish this goal, the DL/ESL department oversees the DL and ESL instructional programs, sheltered instruction, summer programs, parent engagement and education, and campus Language Proficient Assessment Committees (LPACs), which are responsible for the (a) identification and reclassification of EBs and (b) monitoring of reclassified EBs.

48%

of Dallas ISD students were Emergent Bilinguals
(n = 63,354)

Most DL and ESL teachers who worked with a DL or ESL Instructional Specialist in 2025-26 rated the **supports (81%)** and **resources (83%)** they received as **very or extremely beneficial**.

81%



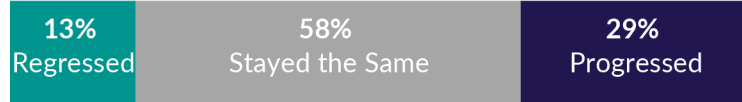
All supports
Goal: 88%

83%



All resources
Goal: 88%

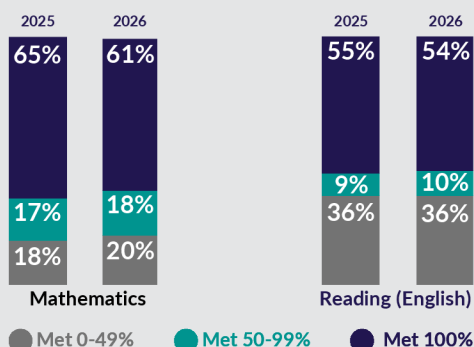
13% of EBs **regressed** at least one TELPAS level (1%pt higher than 2025; 12%), whereas 29% **progressed** at least one TELPAS level (4%pts lower than 2025; 33%).



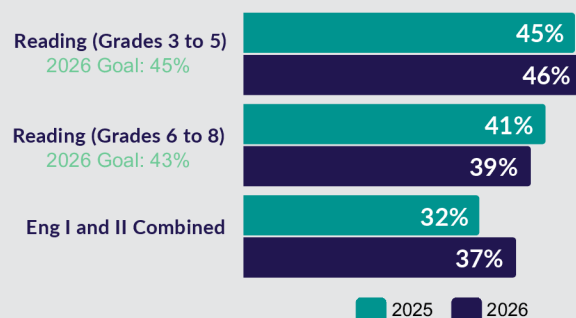
Goal: 12% or lower

Goal: 34% or higher

Over half of EBs met 100% of their **typical growth targets** on Mathematics and Reading (English) *i-Ready* in 2026, which was a slight decrease from 2025.



EBs in grades 3 to 5 saw slight **increases** on STAAR Reading at **Meets+**, exceeding the DL/ESL Department's 2026 goal.



In 2026, Dallas ISD EBs generally had **lower rates** on TELPAS **composite progression** (**higher rates/lower rates**) when compared to the state and other large, urban Texas districts.

	Grades K-2	Grades 3-12
Dallas	34%	28%
State	↓ 5	↑ 3
Austin	↑ 1	↑ 3
El Paso	↑ 2	↑ 2
Fort Worth	0	↑ 3
Houston	↑ 8	↑ 7
San Antonio	0	↑ 5

*Green arrows indicate comparison group scored lower than DISD, whereas red arrows indicate comparison group scored higher.

In 2026, Dallas ISD EBs had **higher rates** on STAAR 3-8 **Reading** at all performance standards compared to the state and other large, urban Texas districts.

	Approaches+	Meets+	Masters
Dallas	67%	42%	19%
State	↓ 6	↓ 9	↓ 7
Austin	↓ 17	↓ 16	↓ 10
El Paso	↓ 6	↓ 11	↓ 10
Fort Worth	↓ 12	↓ 14	↓ 9
Houston	↓ 4	↓ 7	↓ 6
San Antonio	↓ 15	↓ 15	↓ 8

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