



Emergent Bilingual Program Effectiveness Report

2026-2027 School Year

Program Parameters: Bilingual & ESL

Bilingual Education (PK–5)



Trigger: Mandated when 20+ EB students are in any elementary grade across the district.



Model: One-way dual language provided at Clara Love, Roanoke, and Prairie View.



Logistics: District-provided transportation.

ESL Program (K–12)



Trigger: Required for EB students not enrolled in bilingual programs.



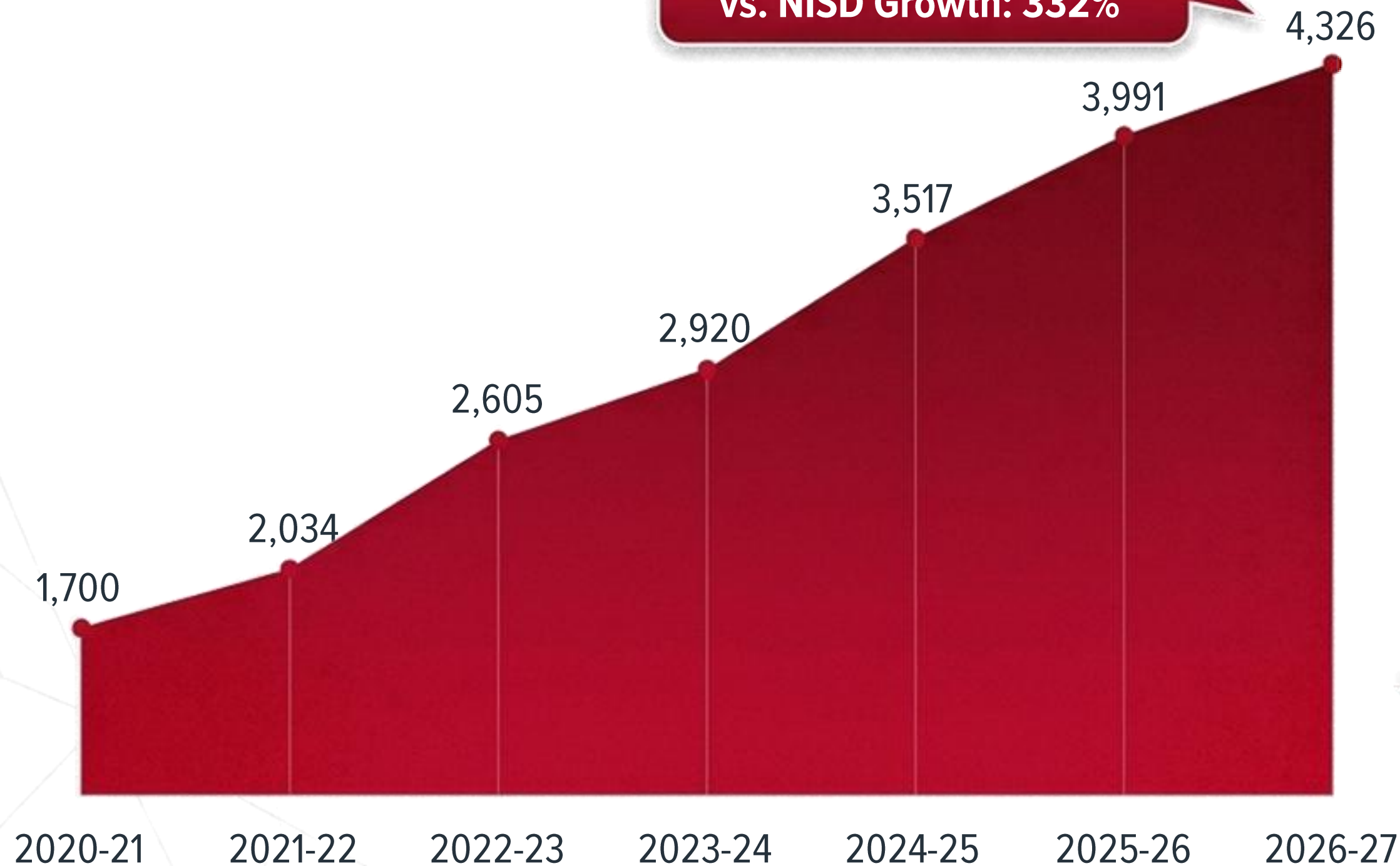
Elementary Model: Inclusion and pull-out provided by ESL certified teachers and Specialists.



Secondary Model: Sheltered ELA and dedicated ELA courses provided by ESL certified ELA teachers.

NISD Emergent Bilingual Numbers

Texas Average Growth: 34%
vs. NISD Growth: 332%



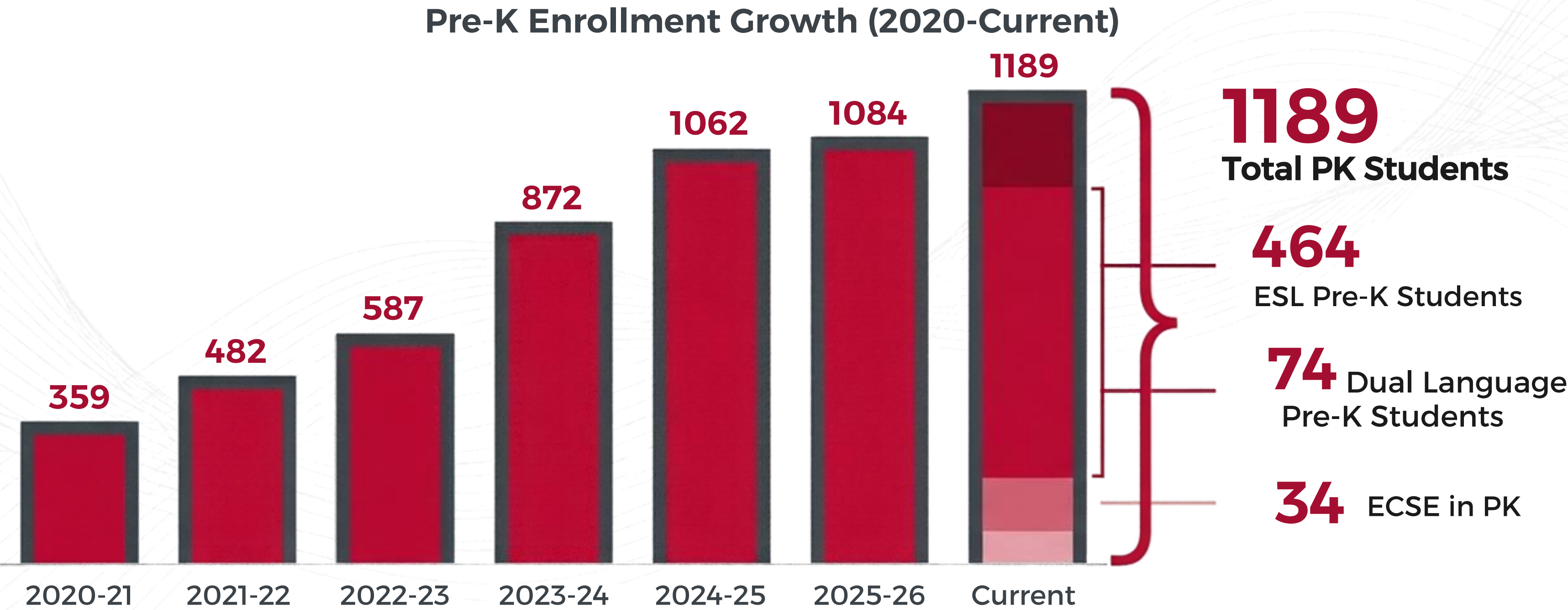
Total EB Population 5,763

- **4,326** active students
- **1,286** monitored students
- **151** parent denials

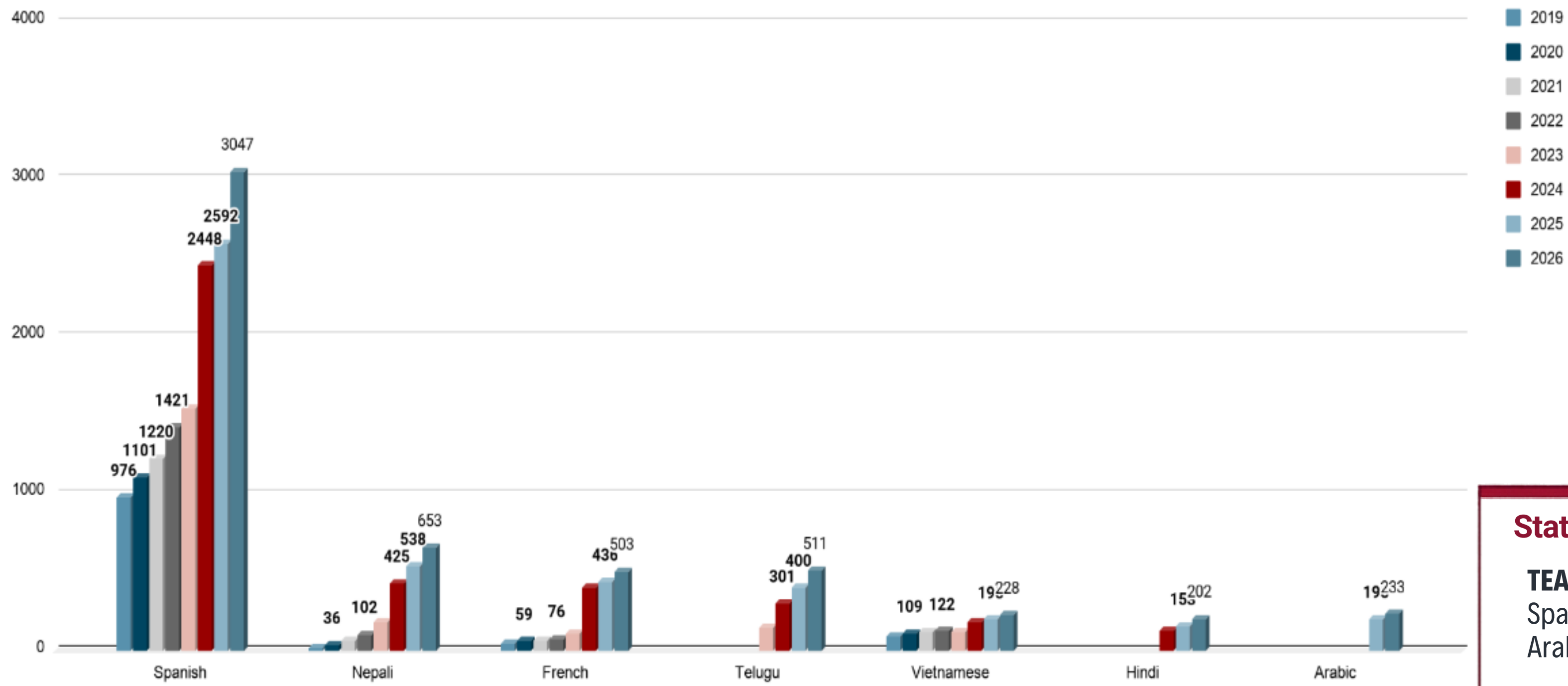
23.3% of EBs are
in Special Education

Early Intervention

In Pre-K, we embed essential language acquisition opportunities for students to be immersed in a structured language-rich environment.



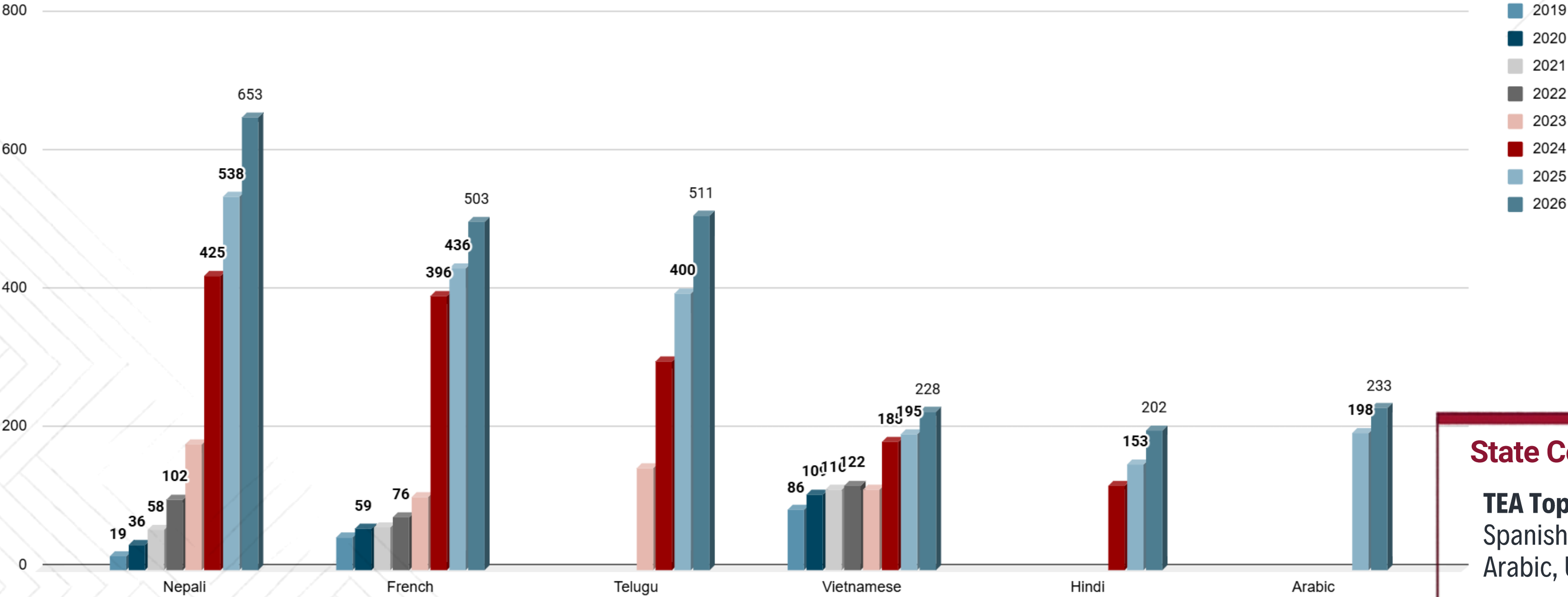
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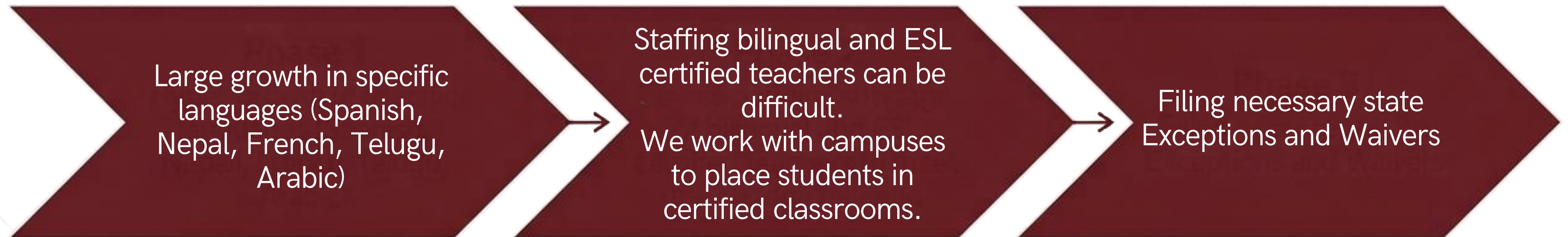
Elementary Language Numbers by Grade

	PRE-K			KG			1ST			2ND			3RD			4TH			5TH		
	2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026
SPANISH	202	147	180	141	209	252	141	206	276	171	179	250	166	185	209	167	177	215	172	181	202
NEPALI	74	72	84	37	73	83	39	49	74	34	53	55	39	44	57	28	41	46	34	29	43
FRENCH	28	31	38	26	30	46	8	34	38	27	33	37	23	38	37	26	25	42	33	28	29
TELUGU	53	63	78	25	56	50	24	36	60	34	37	42	22	49	48	21	28	51	21	28	35
VIETNAMESE	13	6	22	11	16	14	8	15	20	5	11	16	6	11	17	11	7	13	13	11	10
Arabic		14	20		14	21		19	20		23	27		12	20		13	16		13	11

Secondary Language Numbers by Grade

	6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
SPANISH	186	213	195	211	208	215	199	234	185	198	169	202	173	170
NEPALI	40	32	32	44	30	41	19	33	19	20	15	20	14	17
TELUGU	24	31	22	39	15	31	17	40	13	34	7	31	4	27
FRENCH	34	35	32	30	33	23	33	17	29	19	26	11	27	9
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Bilingual Exception & ESL Waivers

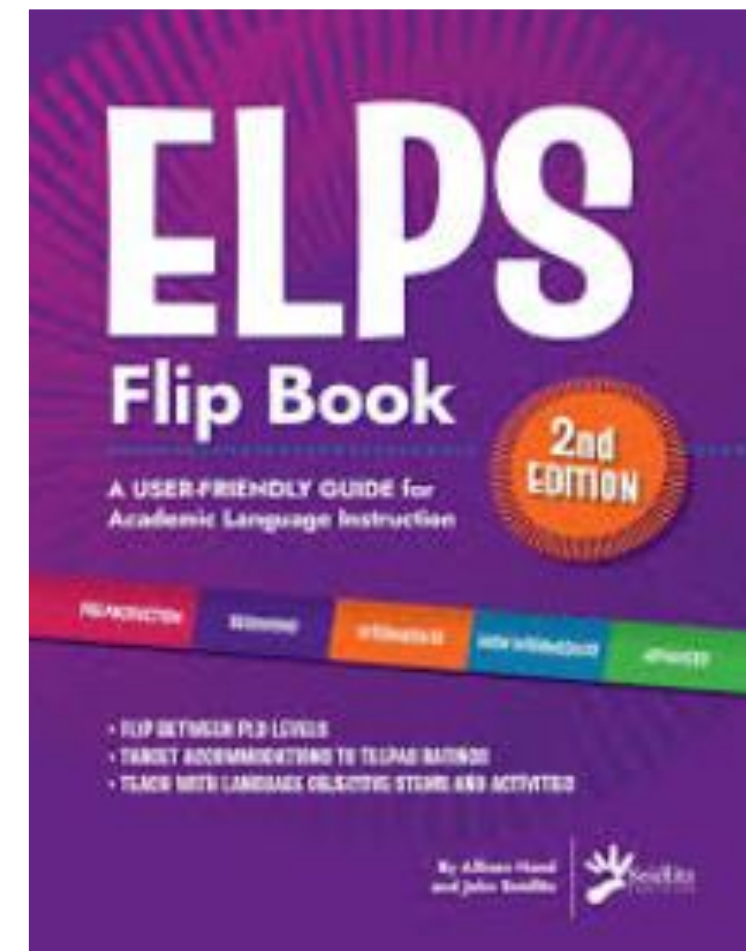


We file state waivers to ensure compliance while we work with HR and campuses to recruit **ESL Certified** and **Bilingual Certified** educators.

'22-'23:	Spanish & Nepal Exception + 29 ESL Waivers
'23-'25:	Expanded to French & Telugu
'25-'27:	Arabic added, continued ESL Waivers required

Equipping Our Educators

- ✓ Targeted ELPS (English Language Proficiency Standards) training.
- ✓ Curriculum upgrades featuring Summit K12 and HMH Into Reading.
- ✓ Intensive ESL Certification exam support and specialized training in math, vocabulary, and reading content.
- ✓ Ongoing instructional coach-led PLCs and specialist newsletters.



Empowering Families & Community

Communication:

Seamless resource sharing via ParentSquare.

Partnership:

Adult ESL classes offered twice a week for parents and guardians.

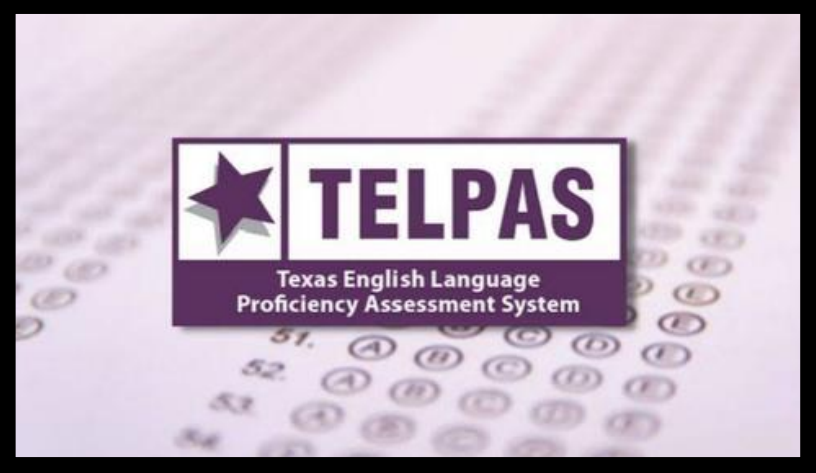
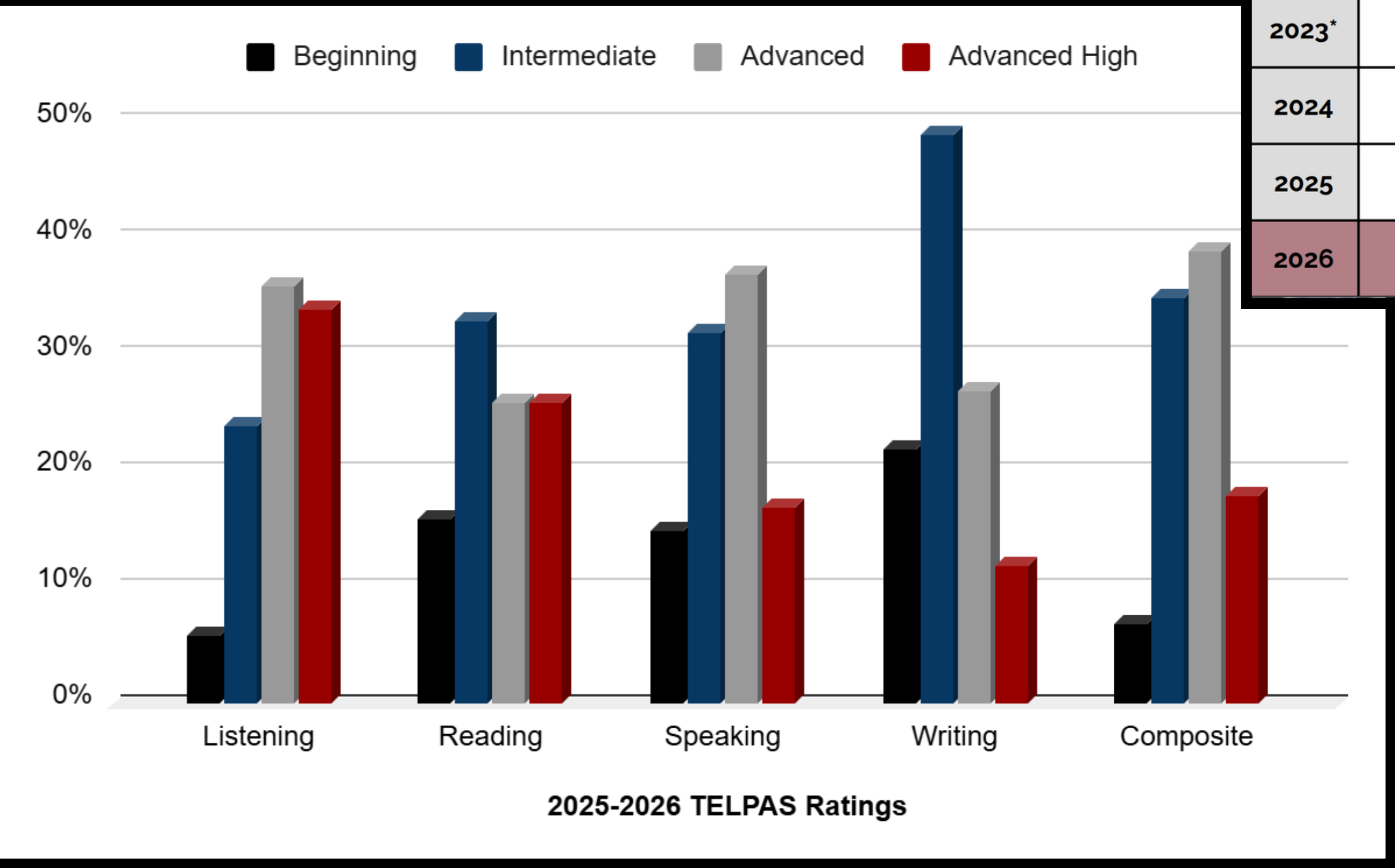
Celebration:

Campus-hosted Multicultural Nights that foster inclusivity and honor diverse heritage.



2025-26 TELPAS Ratings

	Total # Tested (K-2)	Advanced High Composite Score (K-2)	Total # Tested 3-12)	Advanced High Composite Score (3-12)
2021	522	127	1035	225
2022	662	141	1378	310
2023*	868	20	1743	20
2024	1065	206	2172	461
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2026	1458	334	2321	345



The Rigor

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Hundreds of students are successfully navigating state criteria to achieve full English proficiency.

The Outcome

2026: 409 EBs Reclassified

2025: 453 EBs Reclassified

2024: 349 EBs Reclassified

Program Challenges

- Rapid growth of our Emergent Bilingual population
- High case loads for our ESL Specialists and MTSS Interventionists
- Not all campuses have ESL Specialist
- Navigating complex logistics to provide dual language transportation



- Balancing heavy compliance paperwork with the urgent need for direct, newcomer support
- Growing number of Special Education students that require multiple meetings and less time with students
- Difficulty in sourcing and hiring bilingual and ESL certified teachers

These challenges directly impact our ability to serve the dedicated staff and amazing students in our programs every day.

Celebrations & Looking Ahead

Increase in program numbers

Continued success with early intervention

Significant numbers of students reclassifying prior to middle school, validating early intervention strategies

Successful implementation of elementary-to-middle school transition programs

Unprecedented levels of eager parent and family involvement across the district



NISD's Emergent Bilingual program is not just managing growth; it is thriving, adapting, and building a stronger community.



Questions

Northwest ISD