



ESC Region XIII Bilingual/ESL Education Cooperative

Description:

The Bilingual/ESL Cooperative has these primary service goals:

1. Improve the knowledge and skills of principals and teachers to increase the understanding of the needs of English Language Learners.
2. Improve the quality of service provided to English Language Learners by assisting districts to develop and implement programs that meet state and federal requirements.
3. Develop and provide instructional materials and resources to meet the needs of the district program.

Education Service Center, Region XIII agrees to:

- Provide professional development offerings in the area of support for English Language Learners.
- Provide in-district consultation and technical assistance.
- Provide access at no cost or reduced fees to ESC XIII products and materials.
- Annually evaluate the effectiveness of member district and cooperative performance.
- Provide regular update sessions for member districts.

Each participating school district agrees to:

- Designate a district contact / representative for planning purposes.
- Provide release time for selected teachers to participate in staff development activities of the cooperative.
- Permit the Education Service Center Region XIII education specialist to provide on-site visits to the campuses and classrooms, as appropriate.
- Make facilities available for in-district professional development activities.
- Provide student performance, demographic, and program data for evaluation measures.
- Attend ELPS Toolkit Training
- Attend Sheltered Instruction Training
- Attend ELPS Academies