

Pathways to Licensure: Bilingual Education



Are you looking to fill a vacant bilingual position in your school? You may have an educator in your school or district who is already qualified to fill the position! The requirements below outline the most common credentials that educators earn to work in a bilingual setting.

Professional Educator License (PEL) Requirements

Option 1 – Hold a PEL + bilingual education endorsement (target language) + endorsement for the content area for the grades to be taught

Educator License with Stipulations (ELS) Requirements

Option 1 – ELS-VIT + passing score on the English Language Proficiency test

Option 2 – ELS-TBE + bilingual education endorsement in target language

Short-Term Approval (STA) Requirements

Option 1

STA - Bilingual Education (target language)

- ✓ PEL (in a teaching field for any grade range)
- ✓ One of the following:
 - Nine semester hours of coursework in bilingual education (specific coursework is required)
 - A passing score on the applicable Target Language Proficiency test

These approvals are temporary credentials that allow an educator to immediately begin teaching while working toward full licensure requirements.

Application procedures

1 View full requirements at www.isbe.net/licensure

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2 Create or login to your existing ELIS account

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3 Submit the applicable endorsement or approval application

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4 Pay the \$50 application fee

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5 Submit required forms and transcripts to your ROE/ISC

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