

Bilingual Education / LEP Students

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ASPIRA supports the notion that all students must learn English to succeed in the United States and the global economy, but endorses a bilingual approach to language education as an appropriate transition to English proficiency. This approach ensures that a child maintains grade level academic standing in all subjects and retains quality ability in their native language.

ASPIRA supports

- 'transitional' and dual Spanish language programs rather than 'immersion;'
- quality bilingual education for every child that needs bilingual education;
- increased funding for bilingual education programs where needed;
- programs that support the professional development and recruitment of bilingual teachers to ensure a quality bilingual education teacher force.

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