

PARENT NOTIFICATION

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are pleased to inform you that your child has been referred to receive assistance from a Bilingual Instructional Assistant to help him/her improve his/her English language skills as quickly as possible. Because a language other than English is spoken in the home and based on the state screening assessment, he/she is entitled to additional help.

The goal of the program is for students to learn English, meet age appropriate academic achievement standards for grade promotion and graduation, and work toward attaining advanced proficiency levels in English in the areas of reading, writing, speaking, and listening. To exit from receiving bilingual services your child must test at the proficiency level on the state assessment, **World-Class Instructional Design Assessment (WIDA)**. Your child will be monitored for **four years** after being exited from the program to ensure his or her educational success. If your child struggles academically, teachers can refer student to our services again. Students with disabilities will be given services in conjunction with the services identified on his or her Individualized Education Plan.

This program is a **free service** for your child to learn at the same rate as his/her English-only classmates. **MISD English Language Development (ELD) instructors or EL certified teacher, using components of Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol Model, will work with your child for approximately one hour per day and one or two times a week, during the regular day**, at your child's school. The tutorial sessions will focus on English language skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening.

This program will enable your child to be more successful in school in learning English while meeting his/her academic needs and state standards by supporting your child's curriculum enrichment. **You do, however, have the right to refuse the services. Even with the refusal of services, your child may still have to take the state assessment of World-Class Instructional Design Assessment (WIDA ACCESS) if your child did not score proficient or advanced proficient on WIDA Screener, given by the school OR the composite score on WIDA ACCESS is not 4.8 or above. If your child took WIDA Alternate, the composite score is not P2.**

Your child's WIDA ACCESS composite score is _____

Or

Your child's WIDA Alternate composite score is _____

Or

Your child's WIDA Screener score is _____

After signing below, please return this form to your child's bilingual tutor indicating that you...

- have been notified of the MISD Bilingual Education Program services that are being provided for your child, and
- Understand that you have the right to refuse English Language Development services at any time by filling the refusal of services form.
- Have received WIDA report from school/district. If not, contact school directly.
- For filing complaints, please contact your local school principal or contact MISD Bilingual Program, (586) 228-3481.

Sincerely,

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Parent's/Guardian's signature _____ Date _____