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“To build strong,  
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**Community Involvement  
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***BENEFITS FOR  
YOUR CHILD!***

## The Purpose of the bilingual education program is to:

- Help English Language Learners master the state standards and utilize a core English Language Acquisition curriculum.

## Who does the bilingual education program serve?

- Bilingual education programs serve students who have a language other than English in their homes and need to acquire English.
- Also, programs provide content instruction in the child's first language while the child is learning English.

## How will the bilingual education program help my child?

### The bilingual program:

- Provides access to the state curriculum and standards;
- Teaches English to English Language Learners using appropriate methods;
- Helps build knowledge and learning of academic subjects in the first language and English; and
- Instills self-assurance, confidence and cultural pride in students.

## ALL CHILDREN SHOULD ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN A WELL BALANCED CURRICULUM

### Will my child be taught the same subjects and learn the same skills as students in the regular program?

- All students in bilingual education must receive instruction that meets the Michigan Department of Education Standards and Grade level content Expectations (GLCE) in the core subjects.
- A core curriculum using approved methodology facilitates English language acquisition.

### Will my child learn English?

- The mastery of English listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills is required in the program, as mandated by NCLB.
- English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction is an integral part of the bilingual education program.
- Academic instruction begins in the student's first language and transitions into English.

## Who is responsible for teaching in a bilingual education program?

Teachers must be highly qualified to teach in bilingual education programs and meet the specific language needs of their students.

## How can bilingual parents become involved?

- Parental approval is required for students to participate in the program.
- Parents can volunteer for classroom activities.
- Parents can encourage their child to achieve, provide a place to study, and show interest in schoolwork.
- Parents can ask their child's teacher or principal about becoming a member of the local school community organization (LSCO) or Parent Teacher Associations (PTA). They should contact the principal or parent liaison for more information.

