Bilingual Education

The Vietnamese Bilingual Program in the Keller Independent School District offers your children the opportunity to become fully bilingual.

It is our goal that students
participating in the Vietnamese
Bilingual Program: 1) fully develop
his/her second language, English,
while ensuring that the student
retains his/her Vietnamese
language; 2) performs academically
at or above grade level; and
3) develop cross-cultural
awareness, instilling pride in his/her
Vietnamese and American cultures.

Together we can help your child develop the skills necessary to become bilingual.



"One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way."

- Frank Smith

Vietnamese Bilingual Campuses:

Early Learning Center South 3975 Summerfields Boulevard Fort Worth, TX 76137 817-743-8300

Parkview Elementary School 6900 Bayberry Drive Fort Worth, TX 76137 817-744-5500

Chisholm Trail Intermediate School 3901 Summerfields Blvd. Fort Worth, TX 76137 817-744-3800

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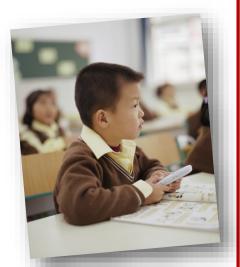
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Vietnamese Bilingual Program

Learn how it benefits your child!

Questions and Answers:

What does the Vietnamese Bilingual Program entail?

- Students will receive instruction in all core content areas from a highly qualified Vietnamese Bilingual teacher.
- The teacher will utilize a wide range of best practices, ESL instructional methodologies, and the use of the students' home language to deliver instruction.

What are the benefits of my child's participation in the Vietnamese Bilingual Program?

- Your child receives support in his/her native language to ensure that he/she is accessing the state mandated curriculum at grade level.
- Your student's self confidence and pride in their cultural heritage will be developed.
- Your students will have the capacity to effectively and successfully navigate in two languages and two cultures.

Do students receive the same instruction and learn the same skills as students in the general education program?

The Vietnamese Bilingual teacher uses the same curriculum implemented in every KISD classroom. All content areas are taught at grade level. Additionally, Vietnamese language and culture are embedded and taught throughout the day.

What if my child's home campus does not have the Vietnamese Bilingual Program?

 Students participating in the Vietnamese Bilingual Program are provided bus transportation, to and from the home campus, at no cost to the family.



How does my child qualify for the Vietnamese Bilingual program?

- If the Home Language Survey indicates that Vietnamese is the language spoken most of the time by the student or/and at home, then:
- ⇒ an oral language proficiency test is administered in English.
- ⇒ the Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC) will: review assessment results, determine qualification and make program recommendation.

How can I, the parent, help my child?

- Parents are always needed and welcomed to volunteer.
- It is highly recommended that you continue to converse with your children in Vietnamese at home. This will enable your child to build a strong Vietnamese vocabulary foundation on which to build their academic and social English.