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Campus and District Translation and Interpretation Procedures

Waller ISD is aware of the crucial role that parents, guardians, and families play in the education of their children. The district and all campuses encourage partnerships in order to share the responsibility of educating our students.

Waller ISD offers translation and interpretation services to ensure meaningful language access for students and parents so they may have an active role in the student's education. This procedure is created to ensure that English learners and parents who speak languages other than English are provided appropriate translation and interpreting services, to the extent practicable, so that families of diverse language backgrounds may fully participate in the education of their children. The Waller ISD Bilingual Department coordinates written document translations and support to schools for newsletters, flyers, calendars, and general parent communications. Waller ISD will ensure vital documents are written in an understandable and uniform format, and to the extent practicable, provided in a language parents can understand; and, upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability, provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent.

How does Waller ISD decide what gets translated or interpreted on a campus or the district?

Waller ISD will request from parents/guardians a home language survey to determine both student and guardian language needs. When 10% of a language other than English is represented, the campus/district will provide translated documents in that language. Additionally, even if they are not identified by the Home Language Survey, parents who speak a language other than English may request translation and interpretation services for school-related communications at any time following the Procedures for Requesting Services listed below.

Parent/Family Procedures to Request Translation/Interpretation Services

Parents/guardians may request translation of a document or interpretation services by:

- Contacting their child's teacher by email or phone.
- Contacting their child's campus by phone.
- As an alternative contact, parents/guardians may reach out to the district Family Engagement Specialist, Adela Cornejo, for assistance at acornejo@wallerisd.net or by phone at 936.310.6564.

What items are currently translated on a campus/district?

Written translations: Parent link calls, student handbook, letters sent home, campus emails, permission slips, newsletters, campus event flyers, special population/intervention forms, parent calendars, grade level newsletters, reminder notes, PTO information, fundraiser information, campus and district information (family engagement policies, compact for learning, notification of teacher qualifications, notification of uncertified teacher), field trip forms, district assessments, and any communication in writing to the public.

Oral interpretations: Parent nights/meetings, conferences, ARDs, 504/Rtl meetings, LPACs, teacher contacts, awards assemblies, incoming 6th/9th grade night, NAC parent night, curriculum nights, and any event that involves speaking. Campus/district can utilize translator headsets. Interpretations for a school function, event, special education services, disciplinary hearings, student-led conferences, or meetings in general must be addressed through the campus, and they will work to ensure appropriate interpretation is provided.

Internal Procedure for Campus and District Translation Requests

1. All documents must be school and/or district related and approved by the immediate supervisor.
2. Approved documents should be sent to the Bilingual Director via E-mail.
3. All documents needing translation must be e-mailed with 7 school days in advance before its deadline of submission or 10 school days before CBA or Benchmark administration.
4. All documents must be in an editable Microsoft Office program without locks or restrictions.
5. jpg or png files inserted into the document with labels or names will be kept as is and its translation will be embedded in the paragraph or in a text box.

All documents approved by the campus or department must be E-mailed to jalvarad@wallerisd.net. A reply will be sent as confirmation of reception. For inquiries, district staff can contact the Bilingual/ESL Department at 936.310.6517.