

Passaic Public Schools Model Programs 2020-2022

District, school, and type of program: Passaic Public Schools, K-12, Bilingual program

Description of the Program

In order to support our English Language Learners to achieve academic success the mission and goal of the bilingual program in the Passaic Public schools are to develop bilingual, biliterate, bicultural, and bicognitive students who speak, read, and write fluently in English and Spanish. The Passaic Public Schools Bilingual Program in grades K thru 12 follows a Developmental Bilingual approach. Students learn subject matter in their native language Spanish while developing English language skills. 'teaching for biliteracy' is one of our best practices implemented in bilingual classrooms and professional development. Proficiency in Spanish is used to drive academic achievement and proficiency in English. Students transfer the academic content learned in Spanish to English, engage in contrastive analysis, develop academic English and Spanish across content areas, read and write grade-level texts across the curriculum, and develop metalinguistic awareness. English learners receive academic and social emotional support in their native language by having access to before and after school programs, enrichment or support opportunities and bilingual support staff.

Dates when others can visit our program

Between October and May except for testing weeks or other school events. Please contact the district at least three weeks in advance to schedule a visit. For additional information, please check the [district's website](#) for the district calendar.

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District and school demographics

There are 11 K–8 Schools, three Early Childhood Schools, one High School, one 6-12 Academy for Science & Engineering, one 6-12 Preparatory Academy, approximately 15,080 students, 24% English Language Learners (ELLs), 38% current or former ELLs, 2.6% ELLs & Special Education, and 11.5% former ELLs

- 2.2% former ELLs & Special Education o 92.96% Hispanic/Latino o 4.19% Black o 1.8% Asian
- 0.7% White o 0.08% Pacific Islander o The ELL population represents various native languages including Spanish, Gujarati, Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Bengali, Filipino, and Tagalog.