Emergent Bilingual Students in Texas

Texas Quick Facts:
- 88.9% of emergent bilingual students are Spanish-speakers.
- There are over 70 different home languages spoken by Texas emergent bilingual students.
- The percentage of emergent bilingual students has grown by 31.8% over the last 10 years.

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HB 1744 (Guerra)
Reduces programmatic barriers for educators and pre-service teachers to access bilingual education certification programs and support robust dual language immersion program implementation across the state.

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Senate District 7
In Sen. Paul Bettencourt’s district:
- 25.8% of students are emergent bilingual students
- That is 168,353 total emergent bilingual students in Senate District 7.
- This is about 6% higher than the state average of 20% emergent bilingual students.

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11.7% of students are emergent bilingual students
That is 21,943 total emergent bilingual students in Senate District 1

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In Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr. district:
- **32.2%** of students are emergent bilingual students
- That is **111,442** total emergent bilingual students in Senate District 27.
- This is about **12% higher** than the state average of **20%** emergent bilingual students.

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Senate District 26
In Sen. José Menéndez’s district:
- 22.0% of students are emergent bilingual students
- That is 117,235 total emergent bilingual students in Senate District 26.
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Senate District 8
In Sen. Angela Paxton’s district:
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- That is 96,635 total emergent bilingual students in Senate District 8
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- That is 97,064 total emergent bilingual students in Senate District 10.

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Senate District 5
In Sen. Charles Schwertner's district:
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Non-ELs 83.6%
ELs 16.4%

Senate District 11
In Sen. Larry Taylor's district:
- **16.4%** of students are emergent bilingual students
- That is **40,230** total emergent bilingual students in Senate District 11

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