

Success In Texas: Speak Agent Serving Bilingual Students

Achieving Success for Bilingual Education Programs in Texas

GOAL: Promote bilingualism and biliteracy while supporting mastery of grade-level TEKS standards.



Learning Outcomes:

Collectively, AISD, SISD, and WFISD Bilingual Education students using Speak Agent learned 8,234 new STEM concepts during their most recent implementations.



Arlington Independent School District

13th largest school district in the state of Texas.

- 27% African American
- 72% Economically Disadvantaged
- 29% ESL/Bilingual Education
- 46% LatinX



Stephenville Independent School District

Home to approximately 3,600 students and serves over 232 square miles.

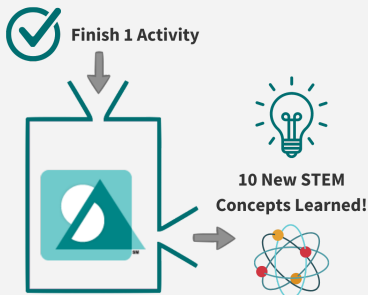
- 1.3% African American
- 50% Economically Disadvantaged
- 12% ESL/Bilingual Education
- 36.5% LatinX



Wichita Falls Independent School District

Largest public school district in North Texas.

- 14% African American
- 64% Economically Disadvantaged
- 9% ESL/Bilingual Education
- 37% LatinX



Bilingual Education & Academic Language

Transitional Bilingual Education Programs (TBE) and Dual Language Immersion Programs (DLI) are widespread across the state of Texas. In both programs, instruction is delivered in both English and a partner language, often the English Learner (EL) students' primary language. The success of these programs is dependent on a number of moving parts, including curriculum-based resources that provide opportunities for students to acquire academic language and build cross-linguistic connections.

Based on our aggregate data, for each hour spent on Speak Agent, Bilingual Education students in Texas built comprehension of an average of 10 new STEM concepts.

Speak Agent's **Math+Language** and **Science+Language** programs are aligned to TEKS state standards and curriculum, making them the perfect supplemental resource to work alongside Texas districts' existing TEKS curriculum resources. SISD and WFISD implemented Speak Agent with their elementary TBE students. Speak Agent's engaging STEM activities provided them with the academic language support, exposure, and practice they needed to enrich their language and literacy skills while having meaningful interactions with science and math content.



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TEKS Alignment:



Speak Agent's academic language lessons are mapped & aligned to TEKS standards and curriculum, reducing teacher burden.

Bilingual Lessons



Visit speakagent.com/bilingual to view Speak Agent's bilingual course offerings and TEKS alignment.

Book a Meeting



Speak Agent advances academic language development for all students. Book a meeting to learn more!

Arlington ISD's Wimbish World Language Academy (WWLA) is home to their esteemed Dual Language Immersion program for students in grades K-4. Students' ELA instruction is delivered in English, while science and math subjects are taught in either Spanish or French. The WWLA leadership team needed a strategic toolset that would support students' English language proficiency *and* academic language acquisition in Spanish/French. Speak Agent's bilingual **Math+Language** and **Science+Language** lessons, available in English, Spanish and French, integrated seamlessly into their DLI framework.

In Their Own Words:

"Being able to tailor the content to our curriculum was a key differentiator when we chose Speak Agent as a supplemental resource."

-Delisse Hardy, Director of World Languages, AISD

"The kids are engaged while working on it and enjoy the activities."

- Angelica Rojo, 3rd Grade Bilingual Teacher, WFISD

"Working with the bilingual population, Speak Agent helped them tremendously with their understanding of the science vocabulary. I would use it as a bell ringer every day to help reinforce the vocabulary from the unit we were currently working on. My students were not as afraid to speak up in front of their peers because they were used to the My Voice activity that we would do with each unit."

-Christina Navarrete, 5th Grade Bilingual Science Teacher, SISD

At A Glance:

- ❖ AISD, SISD, and WFISD all implemented Speak Agent's **Content+Language** programs to support students' English language proficiency *and* academic language acquisition.
- ❖ Speak Agent promotes bilingualism and biliteracy while accelerating mastery of grade-level TEKS standards.
- ❖ Speak Agent supports Transitional Bilingual Education Programs (TBE) and Dual Language Immersion Programs (DLI) by providing curriculum-based resources to support the acquisition of academic language, build cross-linguistic connections, and reduce teacher burden.

