

BPAC @ WORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT 127

Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC)

11218 S Ridgeland Ave, Worth IL 60482

Tel: 708.448.2800

BPAC Name: Worth Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee

Date: 03/20/2025

Time: 10:00 am - 11:00am

Address: 11218 S Ridgeland Ave

In attendance:

Name	Title	Name	Title
Maureen Eichstaedt	Assistant Director of Student Services	Islam Khalil	Parent
Lauren Jennings	ML Consultant	Manar Darmousa	Parent
Hayfae Awadallah	ML teacher, Arabic translator	Juan Serna	Parent
Iris Torres-Rodriguez	TBE Spanish Teacher, translator	Salem Taha Abusninh	Parent
Rana Mustafa	TBE Arabic Teacher	Amal Latamna	TBE Arabic Teacher, Parent
Rafah Faraj	TBE Arabic Teacher	Agnes Hajnos	ML Teacher, Polish translator

Agenda:

Introductions: Staff and parent introductions.

Parents:

Giving parents info on BPAC

- Four meetings are required and elements of each meeting are required.
- One more meeting in May.
- Review Agenda
- IAR Testing
 - Translated letters
 - Format
 - Classroom . ML preparation
 - Parent participation
 - Good breakfast, good night's sleep, daily attendance
 - Read over spring break
- Notes:
 - State testing in ELA and Math 3-5
 - Testing starting April 3rd across the district
 - Two ELA Tests and three math tests
 - ELA is 90 mins Math is 60
 - One test per day
 - WW is doing the 20 min ELA pilot and will take three tests.
 - 5th & 8th Grade take Science test

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- Allowable accommodations
 - Extended time = separate settings so they have time and are not distracted when taking the test. Directions read in Native language
 - Makeup days if students are absent
- Kindergarten registration
 - Full day Kindergarten 2025-2026 school year
 - [Complete Google form here](#)
- Notes:
 - WW and WE will be having full-day kindergarten in 25-26 school year!
 - The first year this has happened.
 - If parents know any families that have a rising kindergartener, please let them know to contact the school
 - Parent registration night is different than Kindergarten registration.
 - There will be translators available
- 25-26 Bilingual service plan
 - [Overview](#)
 - Elements of the plan
 - Update process
- Notes:
 - Every year this district meets the requirements for assistance for the entire district.
 - 70% of our families meet the threshold for assistance.
 - There's a grant that is written yearly and has specific requirements.
 - Grant process: Has to communicate to schools that have students that are in our district, but attending a different school.
 - Has to prove that teachers have the appropriate qualifications to provide the bilingual service plan.
 - Parts of the grants
 - Title I, Title II (professional development), Title III
 - Title III components (LIEP & ISLEP): Parent engagement, PD, Bilingual Parent Summit, Programs
 - Needs Assessment: Explains what and why they're applying for the money
 - State oversees our programming and we have to follow state and federal guidelines so we can receive the funding.
 - Title III grants and bilingual service plans have been in place for several years, no big changes. We spend every penny of our Title III money every year. We try to keep it as similar as possible because we know it will get approved. When submitting, the state will let us know if the spending is allowable or not.
- Parent Registration Night - ML

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- Monday, April 14, 2025 4-6
 - Translation services available
- Notes:
 - Existing parents
 - 4:00-4:30 Multilingual parents **only**
 - **Translators will be provided**
 - Parents will be able to come in and register kids for the upcoming school year.
 - Clarification for Kindergarten parents: You register students each year, but it's more of just confirming/updating in case things have changed. Every student has to be registered each year.
 - The parents will need to keep the ST ID. They'll have to sign up monthly for breakfast and lunch.
 - Typically the menu and the ordering menu open the night of the board meeting.
 - August and September will be ordered together.
 - Everything is nut free contains no pork products
- [Bilingual Parent Summit](#) - Saturday, May 3rd, 2025
 - Location: Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center in Oak Brook.
 - Cost: \$30 / per person to be covered by the district
 - Translators will be on hand
- Run by the Illinois Resource Center
 - The district can pay for up to 8 people to attend, 6 of those being parents.
 - If there's enough interest, the district will provide a bus.
 - A Google form will be sent out to get the information of interested parents and they will be registered.
 - There will be translators at the summit.
 - Topics:
 - Parental leadership
 - Services
 - Equitable funding
 - Educational Programs
 - Immigrant Community Issue

Follow up:

- **Mrs. Darmousa will be the treasurer**
- Maureen will send out the form for the BPAC Conference later today or tomorrow.
- Sometimes on the calendar invite, Google meet doesn't work
 - Maureen will keep her email on the calendar invite so parents can let her know if something isn't working.