

Bilingual Authorization

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What is a Bilingual Authorization

- Bilingual authorization **provides teachers the know-how and knowledge to provide instruction for English language learners in bilingual classrooms.** This means that a candidate can teach in the mainstream classroom or in designated bilingual classrooms.
- What is the BCLAD? **BCLAD (Bilingual, Cross-Cultural, Language and Academic Development) is another name for the Bilingual Authorization.** This authorization training process prepares teachers to meet the needs of English learners in all instructional settings, including bilingual programs in the state of California.



Requirements for the EL Authorization

- The teacher must possess a valid California teaching credential
- Experience learning a second language
- Passing scores on California Teacher of English Learners (CTEL) Examination.
- Completion of course work in Commission approved CTCL program. Once the program is completed, the sponsor must recommend the applicant for the EL Authorization or CLAD Certificate.
- Completion of course work in a Commission approved CTCL program combined with passing scores on the CTCL Examination, based on equivalency as determined by a Commission-approved CTCL program
- Possession of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certificate in Early and Middle Childhood/English as a New Language or Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood/English as a New Language. A photocopy of the certificate must be submitted with the application packet.



District's Goal

- The district is committed to ensuring that ELs receive instruction from an appropriately authorized teacher. Teachers assigned to teach English language instruction and/or core curriculum to English Learners (ELs) must be appropriately authorized. Teachers who provide academic instruction in the student's primary language must have a BCLAD or other bilingual authorization. Teachers without the appropriate EL authorizations with ELs in their classrooms must apply for an Emergency permit authorizing EL instruction and must agree in writing to work towards the appropriate authorization.



Ensuring Teacher Compliance

- California teachers are required to have EL Authorization to ensure that English Learners receive educational services from properly qualified and credentialed staff
- The district attends recruitment fairs sponsored by universities, colleges and organizations.
- The District's goal is to employ qualified (BCLAD, CLAD) candidates as available
- Candidates with authorization to teach English Learners are given hiring priority. If a candidate does not hold the appropriate EL authorization, an Emergency EL permit must be obtained.



Emergency Authorization

- The district’s process for teachers with an Emergency CLAD/BCLAD authorization is as follows:
 1. At the beginning of each year, teachers must sign a plan detailing efforts to obtain the EL authorization.
 2. Must hold a valid Emergency CLAD or BCLAD authorization.
 3. If the teacher has not completed all requirements for the EL authorization, the teacher must renew the Emergency CLAD/BCLAD authorization by completing the requirements for renewal.
 4. The appropriate exams/and or coursework must be completed to obtain the EL authorization.



Monitoring

- Human Resources staff reviews credential upon hiring to verify EL authorization compliance.
- A teacher that does not hold an EL authorization is only hired when the need exists and there are no qualified teachers available
 - HR staff will work out a plan with the teacher to apply for an emergency authorization and ensure the teacher meets the requirements to renew or obtain the EL authorization
- Annual Monitoring
 - HR staff runs reports to ensure compliance
 - Teacher credentials are reported to the state through the CALSAAS system

Questions

