

Administration

The subcommittee consists of co-chairs and a secretary elected on an annual basis at the June (or summer) meeting. These positions are elected by a simple majority vote.

Current Administration

Juanita A. Rodriguez, M. Ed - co-chair

Sara L. Jozwik, Ed. D. - co-chair

Anna Janicki, M. Ed -secretary

Activities

- Provides professional development
- Reacts to legislation impacting English Learners (ELs) with disabilities
- Reviews laws and ensures ELs' rights are addressed and protected
- Collaborates with ISBE on creating culturally responsive IEPs for ELs
- Addresses licensure concerns
- Follows current updates and changes to educational laws including ESSA

Vision

The Joint Bilingual Special Education Subcommittee endorses the UNESCO Framework for Action on Special Needs Education, which states that “...every child has a fundamental right to education, and must be given the opportunity to achieve and maintain an acceptable level of learning” (p. viii). The UNESCO Framework urges that we recognize unique characteristics, interests, strengths, abilities, and learning needs of each child. From an asset-based perspective, we can all be enriched by the diversity of our students. With this inclusive orientation, educational systems are positioned to offer “the most effective means of combating discriminatory attitudes, creating welcoming communities, building an inclusive society and achieving education for all” (p. ix, *The Salamanca Statement, 1994*).

Membership

The membership of the subcommittee represents the broad range of constituencies involved in the welfare of children and youth who are ELs and who have or may have disabilities, including but not limited to parents and other family members and knowledgeable representatives from the fields of special education, bilingual education, psychology, related services, social services, and law.

15 voting members: one member appointed by ISAC; one member appointed by IACBE; the remaining members approved by a simple majority vote; **AND** at least one ex officio member will be an appointed representative of ISBE.

Terms

- For non-appointed members, 3 years starting in September of each year
- Must attend at least three of six meetings per year
- Membership is renewable

Please contact us to inquire about membership in the Bilingual Special Education Subcommittee

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Web-Based Resources

ISBE DELL: Bilingual Special Education
<http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/htmls/bilsp.htm>

Illinois Advisory Council
on Bilingual Education
<http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/htmls/iacbe.htm>

English Language Learners
& Special Education
<http://ellsped.org>

Illinois Association of Multilingual
Multicultural Education
<http://www.iamme.org/>

Family Resource Center on Disabilities
<https://frcd.org/>

2016 - 2017 Meeting Dates

September 8th, Thursday at IRC 10am-1pm
October 28th, Friday at ISBE 10am-1pm
November 18th, Friday at IRC 10am-1pm
December 6-9th, Statewide Conference for
Teachers Serving Culturally and Linguistically
Diverse Learners, "*Bilingual Conference*"

February 3rd, Friday at ISBE 10am-1pm
April 27th, Thursday at IRC 10am-1pm
May 26th, Friday at ISBE 10am-1pm

Meeting Locations

IRC - Illinois Resource Center
<http://irc2.thecenterweb.org/site/>
2626 S. Clearbrook Drive
Arlington Heights, IL

ISBE - Illinois State Board Of Education
<http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/default.htm>
Thompson Center 14th Floor
100 W. Randolph, Suite 4-800
Chicago, IL

Conference call-in option for every meeting

Joint Bilingual Special Education Subcommittee of the Illinois Advisory Council on Bilingual Education (IACBE)



and the Illinois State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities (ISAC)

Illinois State Board of Education