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One Year Exemption from Providing BE Programs in Languages other than Spanish and Chinese

This form is to be used by New York State school districts that are seeking an exemption from providing Bilingual Education (BE) programs in languages spoken by less than 5% of the total statewide ELL population (any language other than Spanish or Chinese*). A district may apply for this exemption on an annual basis for no more than five consecutive years, if it does not have qualified staff to operate a BE program in a language other than Spanish or Chinese, for all eligible students at either the district level or at one or more schools that are required to offer a BE program.

In order to be granted this exemption, districts must:

1. Demonstrate the efforts that are being made to recruit qualified bilingual teachers in the languages other than Spanish and Chinese that are needed to establish bilingual programs and the plans for ongoing and intensive efforts to recruit qualified BE teachers in that language; and
2. A plan for how the district will provide alternate home language supports in the form of bilingual teacher assistants/aides and/or heritage language programs and make such home language supports available for all students who would otherwise be enrolled in a BE program.

*Currently, Spanish and Chinese are the only two languages that are each spoken by more than 5% of the total statewide ELL population.

Fill out all required fields below and all fields that apply. Forms that are incomplete must be resubmitted or will not be considered for review.

Complete this form and submit electronically by November 30th of the current school year. If you have any questions, please submit them to obewl@nysed.gov.

Section 1

District Information

1. District Name *

2. BEDS Code *

3. Street *

4. City *

Enter your answer

5. Zip Code *

Enter your answer

6. School Year for which an exemption is being requested (e.g., 2020-21) *

Enter your answer

7. Is this the first time this district is applying for the exemption? (Note: districts may be granted this exemption for no more than five consecutive school years.) *

Yes

No

8. If not the first time, indicate the number of consecutive years that the district has previously been granted the exemption. *

The value must be a number

Section 2



Contact Information of the Person Completing the Form

9. First Name *

Enter your answer

10. Last Name *

Enter your answer

11. Email *

Enter your answer

12. Work Phone (e.g. 555-555-5555) *

Enter your answer

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Student and Program Information

Please provide the following information for all BE programs in all schools for which you are requesting an exemption. This form allows for the entry of information for up to ten schools.

School 1

13. School 1 Name *

14. School 1 BEDS Code *

15. Grades Taught in School 1 *

16. Language of BE Program in School 1 *

17. Number of currently enrolled students eligible for a BE program in this language in School 1 *

18. Number of teachers available in your district that are qualified to teach the BE program in School 1 *

19. Is enrollment lower than expected in School 1? *

Yes

No

20. Is enrollment higher than expected in School 1? *

Yes

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21. Is there a second school with a Bilingual Education Program? *

Yes

No

Section 5

School 2

22. School 2 Name *

Enter your answer

23. School 2 BEDS Code *

The value must be a number

24. Grades Taught in School 2 *

Enter your answer

25. Language of BE Program in School 2 *

Enter your answer

26. Number of currently enrolled students eligible for a BE program in this language in School 2 *

The value must be a number

27. Number of teachers available in your district that are qualified to teach the BE program in School 2 *

The value must be a number

28. Is enrollment lower than expected in School 2? *

Yes

No

29. Is enrollment higher than expected in School 2? *

Yes

No

30. Is there a third school with a Bilingual Education Program? *

Yes

No

Section 6

School 3

31. School 3 Name *

Enter your answer

32. School 3 BEDS Code *

The value must be a number

33. Grades Taught in School 3 *

Enter your answer

34. Language of BE Program in School 3 *

Enter your answer

35. Number of currently enrolled students eligible for a BE program in this language in School 3 *

The value must be a number

36. Number of teachers available in your district that are qualified to teach the BE program in School 3 *

The value must be a number

37. Is enrollment lower than expected in School 3? *

Yes

No

38. Is enrollment higher than expected in School 3? *

Yes

No

39. Is there a fourth school with a Bilingual Education Program? *

Yes

No

Section 7

School 4

40. School 4 Name *

Enter your answer

41. School 4 BEDS Code *

The value must be a number

42. Grades Taught in School 4 *

Enter your answer

43. Language of BE Program in School 4 *

Enter your answer

44. Number of currently enrolled students eligible for a BE program in this language in School 4 *

The value must be a number

45. Number of teachers available in your district that are qualified to teach the BE program in School 4 *

The value must be a number

46. Is enrollment lower than expected in School 4? *

Yes

No

47. Is enrollment higher than expected in School 4? *

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48. Is there a fifth school with a Bilingual Education Program? *

Yes

No

Section 8

School 5

49. School 5 Name *

Enter your answer

50. School 5 BEDS Code *

The value must be a number

51. Grades Taught in School 5 *

Enter your answer

52. Language of BE Program in School 5 *

Enter your answer

53. Number of currently enrolled students eligible for a BE program in this language in School 5 *

The value must be a number

54. Number of teachers available in your district that are qualified to teach the BE program in School 5 *

The value must be a number

55. Is enrollment lower than expected in School 5? *

Yes

No

56. Is enrollment higher than expected in School 5? *

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- No

57. Is sixth a third school with a Bilingual Education Program? *

- Yes
- No

Section 9

School 6

58. School 6 Name *

Enter your answer

59. School 6 BEDS Code *

The value must be a number

60. Grades Taught in School 6 *

Enter your answer

61. Language of BE Program in School 6 *

Enter your answer

62. Number of currently enrolled students eligible for a BE program in this language in School 6 *

The value must be a number

63. Number of teachers available in your district that are qualified to teach the BE program in School 6 *

The value must be a number

64. Is enrollment lower than expected in School 6? *

- Yes
- No

65. Is enrollment higher than expected in School 6? *

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Yes

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66. Is there a seventh school with a Bilingual Education Program? *

Yes

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Section 10

School 7

67. School 7 Name *

Enter your answer

68. School 7 BEDS Code *

The value must be a number

69. Grades Taught in School 7 *

Enter your answer

70. Language of BE Program in School 7 *

Enter your answer

71. Number of currently enrolled students eligible for a BE program in this language in School 7 *

The value must be a number

72. Number of teachers available in your district that are qualified to teach the BE program in School 7 *

The value must be a number

73. Is enrollment lower than expected in School 7? *

Yes

No

74. Is enrollment higher than expected in School 7? *

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75. Is there a eighth school with a Bilingual Education Program? *

Yes

No

Section 11

School 8

76. School 8 Name *

Enter your answer

77. School 8 BEDS Code *

The value must be a number

78. Grades Taught in School 8 *

Enter your answer

79. Language of BE Program in School 8 *

Enter your answer

80. Number of currently enrolled students eligible for a BE program in this language in School 8 *

The value must be a number

81. Number of teachers available in your district that are qualified to teach the BE program in School 8 *

The value must be a number

82. Is enrollment lower than expected in School 8? *

Yes

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83. Is enrollment higher than expected in School 8? *

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Section 12

Narrative

For the questions below, please use the fill-in fields. Additional documents may be submitted by email to obewldocs@nysed.gov with the email subject heading as "BE Program Waiver, (insert name of LEA)".

84. Summarize, in detail, and provide evidence of the efforts that the district has made to recruit qualified bilingual teachers in the languages needed for the BE programs for which an exemption is sought. Include the plans that the district and the school, as applicable, have for ongoing and intensive efforts to recruit qualified bilingual teachers. This might include canvassing current staff regarding their interest in applying for certification and collaborating with local institutions of Higher Education. *

Enter your answer

85. Submit a plan for how the district will provide alternate home language supports in the form of bilingual teacher assistants/aides and/or heritage language programs and make such home language supports available for all students who would otherwise be enrolled in a Bilingual Education program. *

Enter your answer

Section 13

Superintendent/Chief Administrative Officer or Designee Electronic Signature

By entering your name below, you are signing this form electronically. You agree that your electronic signature is the legal equivalent of your manual signature on this form.

86. First Name *

Enter your answer

87. Last Name *

Enter your answer

88. Title *

Enter your answer

89. Work Email *

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90. Date Signed *

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