

The New Jersey Department of Education has **approved** your district's 2018-2019 Bilingual Program Waiver request. A Bilingual Program Waiver approval indicates the district has met the mandates under New Jersey's Administrative Code for Bilingual Education (N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.5) for the current school year. At this time, due to age range, grade span, and/or geographic location, your district will not be required to implement a full-time bilingual program for the students indicated in the bilingual waiver request, however a district must implement the approved alternative instructional education program indicated in the waiver and as outlined in the Three Year Plan 2017-2020. Please note that districts must submit a waiver request annually when their number of English language learners exceeds 20 in a single language.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Ramella in the Office of Supplemental Educational Programs at ell@doe.nj.gov or (609) 376-9080. For more information about bilingual full-time and bilingual alternative programs please see <http://www.nj.gov/education/bilingual/policy/programs/>. Thank you for your continued commitment to all students, including English language learners.

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