

FBISD NEWCOMER PARENT RESOURCES

YOUR CHILD IN SCHOOL/IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

Texas Education Agency Supporting English Learners Parents and Families

<https://www.txel.org/parents-and-families/>

- Videos of How a Child is identified as an EL (English and Spanish)
- Difference between bilingual and ESL programs (English, Spanish, and Vietnamese)
- Tips for Families with English Learners (English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Arabic)

National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition

<https://ncela.ed.gov/family-toolkit>

The English Learner Family Toolkit helps families choose education services for their child. Click **Download** to access information about family and student rights, questions to ask schools, tips, and resources.

Intercultural Development Research Association Families and Communities Page

<https://www.idra.org/families-and-communities/resources-for-families/>

Resources for parent involvement in schools, including ways to research public schools and focus community action. Site includes translation into 90+ languages.

USAHello

<https://usahello.org/>

- Free online center for information and education for refugees, asylum seekers, immigrants
- Includes information about life in the US, education, work, and health
- Access steps to US Citizenship and a free citizenship class

LEARN ENGLISH FOR ADULTS

City of New York Learn English

<https://wespeaknyc.cityofnewyork.us/>

Professional material designed in NY by the office of immigration for teaching English to adults. Includes videos, lessons, practice, and more. Presented at various levels of English proficiency, with a component to help parents advocate for themselves and their family. All resources are free.

Literacy Council of Fort Bend County

<http://www.ftbendliteracy.org/about-our-programs>

Programs for Basic Literacy, English as a Second Language, High School GED, Basic Computer Skills, and U. S. Citizenship Preparation. ESL classes are offered at 5 levels. You must pay a fee to register. The website can be translated into almost 100 languages via Google using a drop-down box.

Fort Bend County Libraries ESL Conversation Circles

<https://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us/basic-page/learning-english-get-practice-fbcls-esl-conversation-circles>

A program for all nationalities to practice their English language and conversation skills in a casual atmosphere. Provides an opportunity for non-English-speaking people to discuss topics of their choice. Virtual, live sessions free and open to anyone. Click on Classes and Events, By Location, Virtual Programs.

Fort Bend Hope

<https://fortbendhope.org/programs-and-classes>

Virtual ESL classes for adults covering the fundamentals of the English language and reading and writing practice. Call for ZOOM information at 346-702-3806.

Chinese Community Center of Houston

<https://ccchouston.org/esl/>

High quality English language instruction in the language skills necessary to be self-sufficient, adapt to life in the U.S., and contribute as a productive member of society. Must attend registration appointment and placement exam - \$35 book fee. ESL orientation and classes held online.

Lone Star College Adult Education and Literacy

<https://www.lonestar.edu/Adult-Education>

ESL classes to learn everyday English, prepare for college, or learn new job skills. Valid ID, pre-test, and orientation required. All meetings and classes are virtual and free.

Houston Community College Adult Education

<https://www.hccs.edu/programs/adult-education/take-a-txchse-or-esl-class/>

Adult ESL classes to help English learners improve fluency. Valid ID, level of English assessment, and orientation required. All meetings and classes are virtual and free.

Wharton County Junior College Adult Education and Literacy

<https://www.wcjc.edu/Programs/adult-basic-education/AEL-Orientation.aspx>

Provides English as a Second Language (ESL) course to adults who reside within Wharton County Junior College service areas. The AEL program includes active learning skills and informative literacy components. Provides instructional services at no cost to the students.

TRANSLATIONS

[How to Translate Entire Websites and Skyward Content](#)

This is the FBISD website with job aides in our top 5 languages on how to translate websites, and Skyward content using Chrome.

[How to See Subtitles in More Than 100 Languages in YouTube Videos](#)

This FBISD website gives directions for translating closed captions (CC) into all languages when watching district YouTube Videos.

TalkingPoints (app or desktop)

<https://talkingpts.org/>

This platform supports parent-teacher engagement and works as regular two-way text messages into 100+ languages.

Microsoft Translator (app or desktop)

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/translator/>

This app translates voice, text and photos. Users can snap a photo or take a screenshot and see text in their selected language, and type in/speak any word/sentence to get an automatic translation.

sayhi Translate (app)

<https://www.sayhi.com/en/translate/>

This app translates voice in 90 languages and dialects. Good for quick, easy conversations in two different languages so you can easily understand the other person.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

[Fort Bend County Services](#)

Food assistance provided to residents of Fort Bend County who meet program guidelines. List of required documents and information about locations provided.

[East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry](#)

Helps families and individuals living in East Fort Bend County by providing nutritious perishable and non-perishable groceries, household items and toiletries. Referrals may come from area congregations or local social service agencies. Clients are required to provide proper identification (i.e. driver's license and proof of address.)

[Catholic Charities](#)

Drive-thru food distributions operate at our regional food pantries each week. Days, times, and location information provided. Fort Bend area distribution requires registration via text.

[Rosenberg Richmond Helping Hands](#)

Provides food, clothing, and short-term financial resources to residents of West fort Bend County. List of required documents provided.

