

**Garland Independent School District**

DATE: July 28, 2022

TO: Elementary Principals and Assistant Principals

FROM: Diana Pecorino, Coordinator of Multilingual Programs
Chasity Bass, Early Childhood Coordinator
Tara Sowels, Director of Multilingual Programs

RE: Emergent Bilingual Paraprofessional and PreK Paraprofessionals

The Departments of Multilingual Programs and Teaching & Learning are excited to support the Elementary Emergent Bilingual (EB) and PreK Paraprofessionals in the 2022-2023 school year.

Elementary EB Paraprofessional schedules will continue to support students Monday-Friday, with 50 minutes allotted daily for LPAC and eSTAR support.

We are teaming up with Texas A&M University and other GISD Departments to provide ongoing training to grow our Paraprofessionals into classroom teachers or school office staff.

Campus Principals, please share the following with your EB and PreK Paraprofessionals:

- **August 3rd Paraprofessional Virtual Training by Texas A&M University-** The training will focus on beginning of year relationship building with students, families and teachers.
- [EB Paraprofessionals Job Description](#) (Revised May 2022)
- [EB and PreK Paraprofessional Google Classroom](#)- EB and PreK Paras should join our Google Classroom to be updated with monthly agendas and reminders.
- **Virtual:** [EB and PreK Paraprofessional Meeting Schedule](#)
 - Must attend 1 Virtual Meeting each month
 - Meetings will last 1 hour

During each support meeting the following priorities will be addressed:

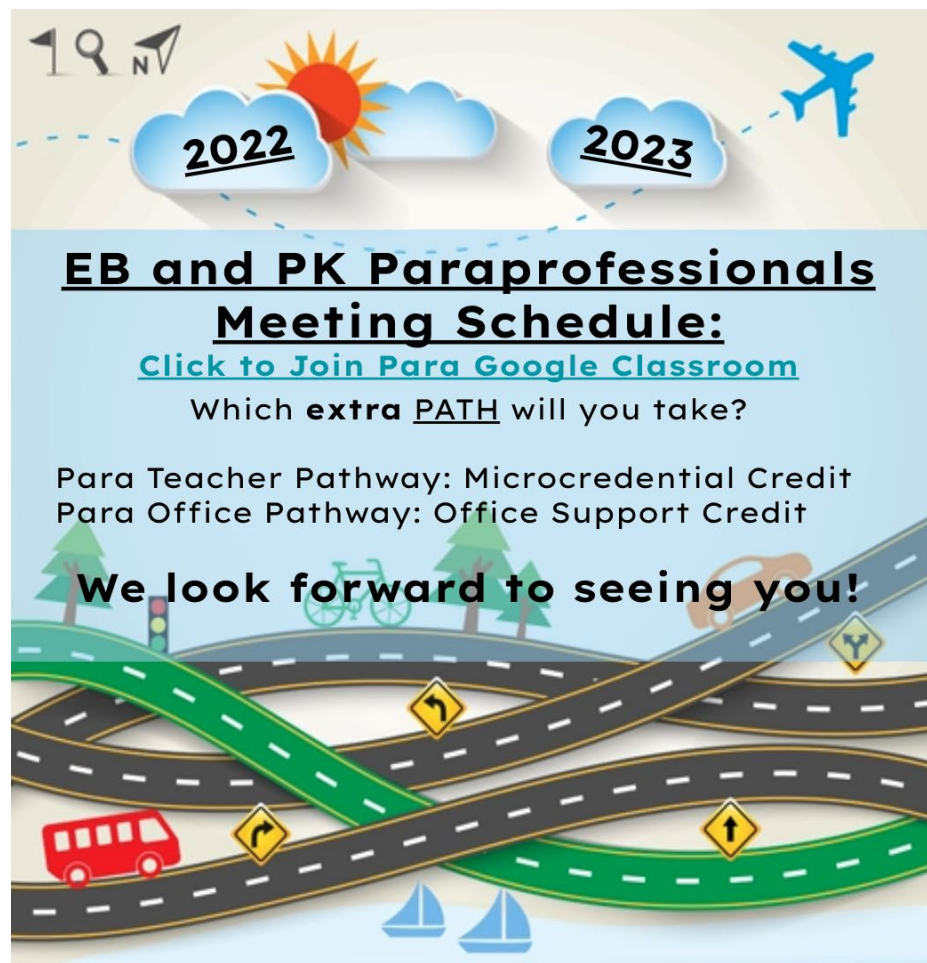
- Sheltered Instruction support
- Small group instruction support
- Newcomer strategies and linguistic supports
- LPAC focus and supports for LPAC Administrator
- Curriculum support and lesson differentiation

We look forward to working with each of you this year to support our GISD EBs!

If you have questions, please contact:

Diana Pecorino, MLP Coordinator dpecorino@garlandisd.net

Margaret Rutaquio, MLP Newcomer Facilitator mgrutaqu@garlandisd.net



EB and PK Paraprofessionals Meeting Schedule:

[Click to Join Para Google Classroom](#)

Which **extra PATH** will you take?

Para Teacher Pathway: Microcredential Credit
Para Office Pathway: Office Support Credit

We look forward to seeing you!

Dates:

[Aug. 2nd or 3rd](#)

August 26

September 23

October 28

December 9

January 27

February 24

March 24

May 12

Google Meet Code:

PARA

Break Out Rooms:

EB or PK

Time:

2:00-3:00

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DATE: July 29, 2022

TO: All Elementary Campus Administrators

FROM: Teaching & Learning Department

RE: CRIMSI full year pilot 2022-2023



During the 2022-2023 school year, Garland ISD will participate in the full year COVID Recovery Instructional Materials Support Initiative (CRIMSI) pilot utilizing high quality instructional materials: Amplify K-5, Eureka Math K-5, Amplify 6-8, and Carnegie Math 6-8. While **using the curriculum resources is non-negotiable**, **teachers will have the opportunity to earn a \$1500 stipend** if they choose to participate in the CRIMSI pilot and complete all requirements, per TEA. To ensure that all eligible teachers can participate in CRIMSI if they choose to, the district will register any teacher that is hired by August 5, 2022 that will be teaching with the above instructional resources.

Teachers can register for up to two products. For example, a self-contained teacher could complete the CRIMSI requirements for both Eureka math k-2 & Amplify k-2 and receive two \$1500 stipends, totaling \$3000. Teachers will only be registered for products they use for instruction.

Campus administrators and support teachers (ELST/CST/IST) will also have the opportunity to participate in the pilot as a coach. CRIMSI coaches can register for up to two products. For example, a principal could choose to be a coach for Eureka K-5 and Amplify K-2 with the potential to earn \$1500 for each product, totaling \$3000. At least one campus administrator from each campus is required to participate in the CRIMSI

pilot and serve as a coach. However, both the principal and assistant principal can be coaches.

Similar to the spring pilot, teachers and coaches will have CRIMSI requirements. Please check the links below for an overview of teacher requirements & coach requirements.

[Teacher Professional Learning Requirements](#)

[Coach Professional Learning Requirements](#)



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FROM: Matt Yeager, Assistant Superintendent of Technology
Rod McHenry, Director of Auxiliary Human Resources
David Mouton, GISD KRONOS/Oracle System Manager
Pam Holcomb, Elementary Technology Coordinator

RE: Elementary Campus Technology Assistants (CTAs) Extra Duty Minutes

Campus administrators may assign ES CTAs up to 30 minutes of non-technology related duties per day during their daily schedule window: 7:30-3:30.

Offering compensation time, or OT, for CTAs to stay beyond their scheduled hours, should be approved by Pam Holcomb in order to ensure excessive hours are not reached.

Please have your CTA submit via the [OT Pre-Authorization Form](#) when requesting to work beyond their scheduled hours for compensation time, or for compensation using a campus extra duty code.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pam Holcomb at pdholcom@garlandisd.net

**Garland Independent School District**

DATE: July 26, 2022

TO: Elementary Principals, Assistant Principals, Dual Language teachers

FROM: Tara Sowels, Director of Multilingual Programs
Dr. Julie Xu, Elementary Coordinator, Multilingual Programs

RE: Dual Language Spanish and Vietnamese Program Support

The Multilingual Programs Elementary team is excited to support the dual language classrooms for the upcoming school year. Below are important links to resources and asynchronous trainings to support your dual language classrooms:

[Elementary Landing Page](#)

- Dual Language Overview Training Modules 1-3
- The Bridge Training
- Culturally Responsive Teaching Training
- Dual Language Components (print outs)

[Dual Language Google Classroom](#) (Class Code: b55dt66)

- Platform to share important announcements & information
- Community of practice for staff members to share ideas & ask questions
- Highlight Super Star Teachers

In addition to providing virtual support, the elementary team would also like to offer trainings in-person. If you would like for our team to provide professional development at your campus, please fill out our [Google Request Form](#). A team member will reach out as soon as we receive it.

For additional PD in other Emergent Bilingual areas, our department has designed a [Professional Learning Landing Page](#). We look forward to supporting your campus and staff this year. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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