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Memorandum

To: Directors of Financial Aid
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From: DeChà Reid
Director III, SFAP Operations

Date: June 19, 2023

Subject: 2023-24 (FY 2024) Program Guidelines – Bilingual Education Program

The current release of the 2023-24 (FY 2024) Program Guidelines includes the Bilingual Education Program. All 2023-24 program guidelines will be posted on the Student Financial Aid Programs (SFAP) webpage under [Program Resources](#).

Each year, the guidelines are updated to align with any changes to the Texas Education Code (TEC), Texas Administrative Code (TAC), and the rider in the General Appropriations Act along with improving guidance to assist institutions with the administration of state financial aid programs.

Highlighted below are some of the overarching changes:

- Annual updates were made on year references.
- Alert and stop boxes were incorporated into the body of guidelines if they have been repeated year after year.
 - Alert boxes were only used this year to draw attention to important information or specific changes; we are no longer using stop boxes to avoid confusion on the difference between stop and alert.
 - The Selective Service section has a new comment to clarify that institutions can use a prior ISIR to confirm registration status since the FAFSA has removed it (if on file).

Bilingual Education Specific Update:

- Eligible institutions were updated to reflect the five new institutions added to the program.
- The definition of financial need was updated to align with rules in the TAC, Section 22.1(14).

- The "State Board for Educator Certification Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test" was removed as an eligibility requirement to align with rider updates.

For questions, contact Financial Aid Services at 844-792-2640 or through [CONTACT US](#) (select "Financial Aid Question" under Contact Reason).

Enclosed:

- [2023-24 Bilingual Education Program Guidelines](#)