



Spring Branch Independent School District

Spring Branch Welcome Center

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To: All parents of children who speak a language other than English at home

Welcome to Spring Branch ISD!

The SBISD Welcome Center provides assessment services for new families to ensure that students are placed in the most appropriate classes at their new school.

During registration at your child's school, you will fill out a Home Language Survey as part of the registration packet. If you indicate that your child's primary language or the language spoken at home is a language other than English, the state of Texas requires that tests be administered to determine the student's level of English language proficiency and whether or not they qualify for the Bilingual (Gr. PK-5) or English as a Second or Other Language (ESOL) program (Gr. PK-12).

Families who indicate another language is spoken in the home and/or *have resided abroad with students in grades 8-12* are referred to the Testing Center for:

1. Oral language proficiency testing
2. Reading and writing English proficiency assessment
3. International transcript evaluation services (Grades 8-12)

The information provided by these assessments supports campus grade level placement decisions and appropriate course selection to ensure a smooth transition for students new to SBISD schools.

SBISD Testing Center Procedures:

1. **Students from outside of Texas (or private schools in Texas):**
 - a. Please call (713) 251-1599 to schedule an appointment for testing.
 - b. Please bring:
 - Completed Home Language Survey
 - Records/report cards from previous school(Grades 7-12)
2. **Students from other public schools in Texas:**
 - a. Please give the completed Home Language Survey, withdrawal form from the previous school, and a current telephone contact number to the registrar.
 - b. The school will email those records to the Testing Center.
 - c. Students will proceed with enrollment at the campus.
 - d. Testing Center staff will provide the campus with testing data and placement information from the previous school.
3. **For any questions, please call the Testing Center 713-251-1599. (English - Spanish)
713-251-1598 (English - Korean)**

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