

## **Programs for Parents**

Indian Prairie School District 204 ELL Program offers a variety of opportunities for parents of English language learners to be involved in their child's education, including:

**Adult ESL Classes** – Through a partnership with the College of DuPage, IPSD 204 offers adult ESL classes, free of charge, to parents in our district whose first language is not English.

Classes run from September – May and meet 2 nights a week for 3 hours each night. While the parents are in the ESL classes, their children can attend Homework Club, where they can get homework assistance from certified ESL and/or Bilingual teachers.

**Navigating the American Educational System (NAES)** – NAES is a series of parent workshops developed by the DuPage Regional Office of Education to provide Spanish-speaking parents with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to interact with the school system and to better manage the academic experiences of their children. NAES workshops are presented in Spanish.

**Bilingual Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)** – The IPSD 204 BPAC is an organization comprised of parents of students enrolled in the district TBE Program, as well as other Spanish-speaking parents in the district. The BPAC meets at least 4 times a year and participates in the planning, operation, and evaluation of the TBE program. The BPAC provides parent workshops throughout the school year on various topics as determined by the BPAC officers, members, and the ELL Program Coordinator. BPAC meetings are conducted in Spanish.

**ELL Parent Workshops** – Parent Workshops provided through the BPAC are open to all ELL parents. Workshops are conducted in one room in Spanish and in another room in English.

**State Bilingual Parent Summit** – Each year the district sends at least four parents from the BPAC to the Statewide Bilingual Parent Summit.

**Translators** – The district provides translators for conferences to the extent possible.

**Translated Documents and Resources** – The district provides Spanish translations of ELL Program Documents as well as translations of many other district documents and resources including:

- Elementary Report cards and EDM Checklists
- Parent-Student Handbook
- Registration Information and Forms
- Assessment Notices
- Elementary Curriculum Guides

For low-incidence languages, a note may be attached to important documents explaining to parents in their native language (to the extent possible) that the attached document is important and that they should find someone to translate it for them.