



Proclamation 2011: New English as a Second Language instructional materials must not be affected by open-source materials

Proclamation 2011, scheduled for adoption in 2010 and implementation in the 2011-2012 school year will include the purchase of instructional materials directed at K-8 English as a Second Language (ESL) students.

The new ESL materials will be crucial to the fastest-growing population in our Texas public schools. ESL learners desperately need these new expertly-designed reading instructional materials, and Proclamation 2011 will give English language learners the proper learning tools they need to succeed in the classroom.

However, Texas school districts will be also be confronted with new open-source textbook materials, as a result of House Bill 2488.

ESL learners must not be affected by these new open-source materials.

If HB 2488 is not implemented carefully, ESL learners could be affected in two ways:

- Many school districts, particularly the disadvantaged school districts, lack the digital resources needed to utilize open-source instructional materials; By 2011, all ESL students may not have full access to the technological advances that will necessary to use open-source materials.
- Proposed open-source instructional materials may not always include the necessary Spanish components that are imperative to classrooms with ESL learners; How will we ensure ESL students receive the proper ESL version?

The new English as a Second Language instructional materials must not be jeopardized with the implementation of open-source materials. As the state brings open-source materials into classrooms, Texas must remain committed to protecting ESL instructional materials in Proclamation 2011.

Proclamation 2011 also includes:

<i>Pre-kindergarten Systems</i>	<i>Spelling, Grades 1-2 (consumable)</i>
<i>English Language Arts, Grades 2-8</i>	<i>Spelling, Grades 3-6 (non-consumable)</i>
<i>Spanish Language Arts, Grades 2-6</i>	<i>Handwriting, Grades 1-3 (consumable)</i>
<i>English as a Second Language, Grades K-8, Student Material</i>	<i>Speech, Grades 6-8</i>
<i>English as a Second Language, Grades K-8, Teacher Material</i>	<i>English, Levels I-IV</i>