Exploring Issues Pertaining to Bilingual Education

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Bilingual Education: Teaching Tactics that Promote an Effective Education

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English Language Learners: How can we help them?

• English Language Learners across the nation are being left behind academically.
• Teachers should put more emphasis on vocabulary development.
• Teachers should use interactive writing instruction on ELL classrooms.
• Schools should introduce electronic devices in ELL classrooms.
• The Arts can help boost confidence.
• Translingualism should be a heavily promoted concept in classrooms across the US.

How does a student benefit from a bilingual education?

• In most dual language programs, students achieve biliteracy by middle school.
• Bilingual education allows for gradual assimilation into the culture of the target language which opens new doors to music, art and popular culture.
• Individualized bilingual instruction (IBI) proved to be beneficial – students who had received IBI in school received higher scores on grammar and vocabulary tests in both instructional languages.