
Define Bilingual Education

What does the word “bilingual” mean?

Webster’s Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language.
1989. Portland House. New York.

Page 144 Bi = twice, two
Page 834 Lingual = pertaining to languages
Page 146 Bilingual = able to speak one’s native language and another with approximately equal facility.

What does the word “education” mean?

Page 454 Educate = to develop the faculties and powers of (a person) by teaching, instruction, or schooling.
Page 454 Education = the act or process of imparting or acquiring general knowledge, developing the powers of reasoning and judgment, and generally of preparing oneself or others intellectually for mature life.

What does the phrase “bilingual education” mean?

Encyclopedia of Education | 2003 | ZELASCO, NANCY F.
<http://www.encyclopedia.com/topic/bilingualism.aspx#1-1G2:3403200071-full>

“*Bilingual education* is a broad term that refers to the presence of two languages in instructional settings.”

“*Bilingual education* is used here to refer to the use of two languages as media of instruction.”

Wikipedia. The Free Encyclopedia
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bilingual_education

“**Bilingual education** involves teaching academic content in two languages.”

California Department of Education
English Learners in California Frequently Asked Questions
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/er/>

“An alternative program is likely to be some form of bilingual education such as the Two-Way program.”

California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE)
http://www.bilingualeducation.org/about_cabe.php

“The California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) is a non-profit organization incorporated in 1976 to promote bilingual education and quality educational experiences for all students in California.”

Two-Way CABE
http://www.twowaycabe.org/what_is.html

“In a Two-Way Bilingual Immersion program, children prepare for a global future. They achieve comprehensive fluency and literacy in two languages. Their bilingualism allows them to communicate with ease in multiple countries.”

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“The result is superior academic performance, in two languages. Bilingualism not only enhances cognitive development, it also increases multicultural understanding and expands educational and professional prospects.”

NABE

National Association for Bilingual Education

<http://www.nabe.org/>

“NABE’s mission is to advocate for our nations Bilingual and English Language Learners and families and to cultivate a multilingual multicultural society by supporting and promoting policy, programs, pedagogy, research, and professional development that yield academic success, value native language, lead to English proficiency, and respect cultural and linguistic diversity.”