

Engaging Emergent Bilingual Students



As the number of Emergent Bilingual students—also known as English Language Learners—continues to increase in our schools, it's crucial that we continue engaging them in their learning. Culturally responsive educational technology can help educators keep students engaged to achieve better academic outcomes.



Why focus on engaging Emergent Bilinguals?

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Emergent Bilinguals in the U.S.¹

~10%
of all students in U.S. public schools are Emergent Bilinguals¹

Why does student engagement matter?

Research shows a strong correlation between engagement and achievement across all subject areas:³



Math



Science



Social Studies



General Knowledge



Biographies

When students are engaged:⁴



↑ Learning



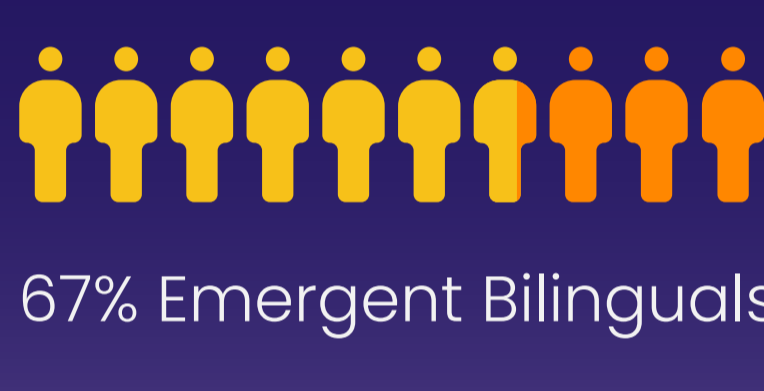
↑ Academic achievement

50%

of all students who dropped out of school said they did so because they were bored, unmotivated, and disengaged, according to one study⁴

What happens when Emergent Bilingual students aren't engaged?

Percentage of students who graduated on time during the 2015–16 academic year:⁵



vs.



2x

Emergent Bilinguals are two times more likely to drop out than native and fluent English speakers⁶



For people without a high school diploma:⁶⁻⁸

↓ Earnings

↑ Unemployment rates

How can the right edtech solution help improve Emergent Bilinguals' engagement?



Provides a safe, private, nonjudgmental environment

Emergent Bilinguals can practice their speaking skills using speech recognition technology in a nonjudgmental environment where they can make mistakes, gain skills, and increase confidence



Offers real-time data

Educators can track students' levels of knowledge and proficiency, enabling educators to personalize learning and make more informed instructional decisions



Allows for the development of intrinsic motivation

An effective solution allows for choice, provides a visual representation of progress, and enables students to see themselves in the program's stories and characters



Incorporates culturally responsive pedagogy

Honoring Emergent Bilinguals' heritage, languages, and cultures can help them feel welcome, connected, and engaged



Enables learning beyond the classroom

Edtech can keep students engaged both inside and outside the classroom, as the program can be used at school or at home



Includes a variety of media

Video, interactive characters, and gamelike activities can motivate and engage students in new and individualized ways



Enables independent learning

Independent learning opportunities allow Emergent Bilinguals to learn at their own pace and appropriate level, making it easier for them to stay engaged



Provides ongoing assessment

Teachers can access information regarding student strengths and weaknesses, allowing them to target instruction for better student engagement



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