

## BILINGUAL PROGRAM

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The Meriden Board of Education is committed to the concept that all students will have equal access to learning based on each student's dominant language. When this language is not English, a suitable program will be provided that is appropriate for each student.

In the Meriden Public Schools, English and Spanish are the most common dominant student languages. A K-12 Bilingual Education Program (BEP) is provided for Spanish-dominant students. These students are taught in Spanish and English until they are proficient in English and then they are placed in a regular classroom. When the Bilingual Education Program is not appropriate for Spanish-dominant students or other students whose dominant language is not English, English as a Second Language is offered to assist these students to develop English language proficiency.

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