BiRDI

Bilingual Reading Difficulty Identification

Education-Research partnership to support bilingual learners & improve resources in schools



Goal: Identify predictors of risk for reading difficulty among Spanish-English speaking children (from kindergarten - grade 1)

Timeline

Year 1

Students K5 Assessments

Teachers K5 Online Surveys

Parents K5 Online Surveys

Year 2

G1 Assessments

G1 Online Surveys

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Bilingual Reading Difficulty Identification **Project: University of South Carolina**

This page provides an overview of the research project. For more information, please contact Lisa Fitton (FITTONLemailbox.sc.edu)

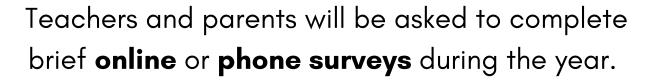


Time Commitment: Kids

To complete testing, research team members will spend 1.5 - 2.5 hours with each child (approx. 1 hour per day of testing).

This allows for comprehensive bilingual language and reading assessment.





Teacher time commitment: approx. 2 mins / child Parent time commitment: approx. 15 mins/child



Data and Results

We will share **profile reports** for each Spanish-English speaking student who participates in the study. These reports will include information about the child's language development and early reading development.

Scheduling

We are seeking partnering schools to participate between November 2021 - May 2022

We will work with the school schedule to minimize classroom disruption.



- \$500 in books for participating schools
- Children's families will receive \$20/year (\$40 total) for participating in phone or email surveys.
- Teachers will receive \$10/child to complete surveys reporting children's language ability/use





Safety Protocols: COVID-19

To maximize student safety, we will:

- Provide proof of vaccination for every team member cleared to work on-site.
- Provide confirmation of weekly negative COVID-19 tests for every team member clear to work on-site.
- Follow all school safety and sanitization guidelines (face masks, sanitizer after each test session)

Our team is also required to complete criminal background checks when they join the lab. We also complete mandatory ethics training in research with human subjects.

