

# 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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This page provides an overview of the research project. For more information, please contact Lisa Fitton (FITTONL@mailbox.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.

## **Teachers / Parents**



Teachers and parents will be asked to complete brief **online** or **phone surveys** during the year.

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.

## **Benefits / Thank You**

- \$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.