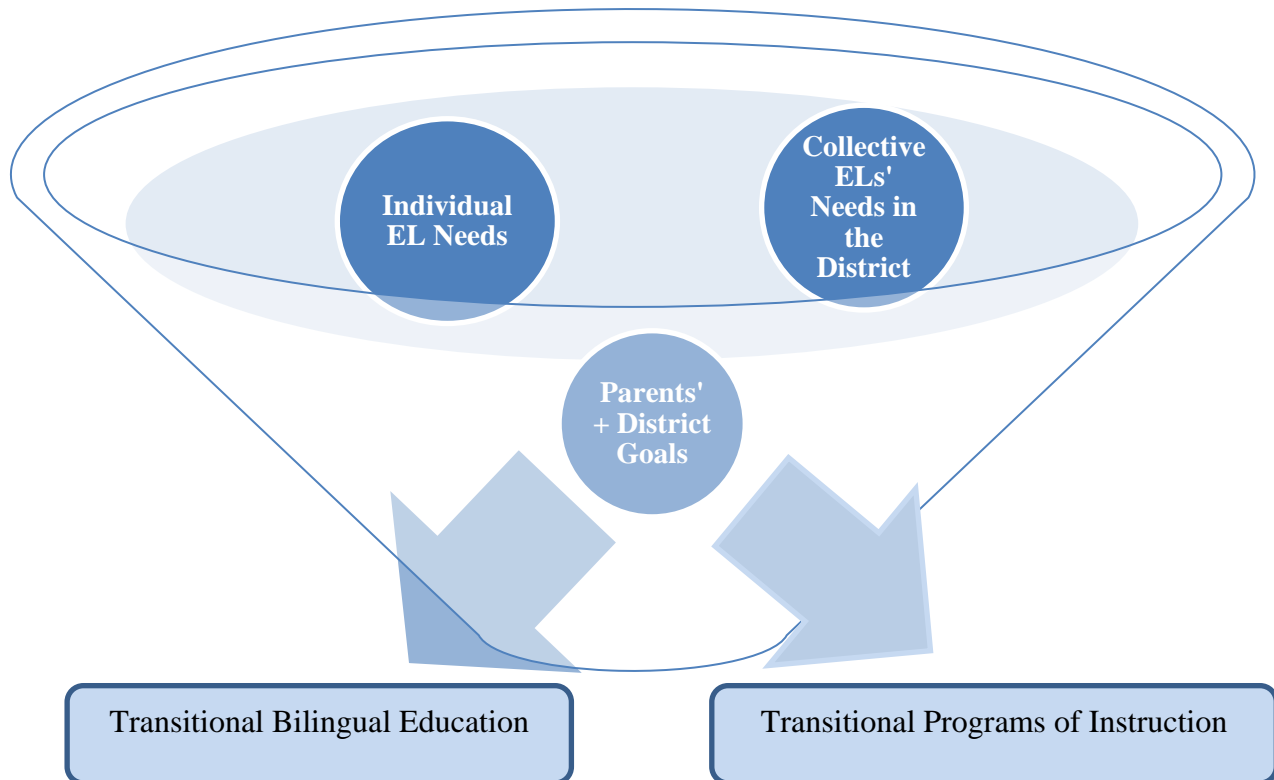


## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: TRANSITIONAL BILINGUAL EDUCATION (TBE) OR TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION (TPI)?

After considering English learners' characteristics both individually and collectively, districts categorize all ELs as either receiving TBE or TPI services per guidelines set forth in [23 Illinois Administrative Code 228](#). The following pages outline the program designs districts may choose from that fulfill the legal requirements of TBE or TPI services.



The School Code mandates TBE for ELs but the type of program(s) offered in an attendance center may vary based on characteristics of the ELs and the number of ELs by language group. Schools may offer full-time TBE or full-time TBE combined with part-time TBE placement for students who meet state criteria for part-time placement. When 19 or fewer ELs from the same language group are enrolled in a school, the school has the flexibility to offer TBE (FT/PT) or a TPI for this language group. As a result, a school may have a TBE program for some ELs and TPI for others enrolled in the same school.