Not all Latino/a students in the United States are bilingual because many were born and raised in the United States, but Latino/a children and 83% of those children speak Spanish as their primary language. Of the children in public school in 2001 were labeled English learners; 25% of those students were from Latin America, where English is not the dominant language. In 2006, 4.5 million of K-12 students in public schools (9.3%) were labeled in English learners (Troya, 2002). Between 1979 and 1999, the number of school-age children (ages 5-17) who spoke a language other than English at home more than doubled, increasing requirements for understanding languages in the United States. This increase in bilingualism is expected to result in increased demand for bilingual education. This has led to increased numbers of bilingual education programs across the country, with the majority of these programs focusing on bilingual education for Latino/a students. However, there is still a lack of research on effective bilingual education practices, especially for bilingual students who are becoming English-language learners. Therefore, this study focuses on understanding the unique needs of bilingual Latino/a students and their educational experiences.
in classroom work (e.g., Prenner, 1999; McGregor, 1999; Morgan, 2008), when a cultural approach to enhancing student participation in classroom settings is encouraged. Other cultural approaches focus on participation in one setting, such as a classroom, without considering how such participation is influenced by cultural, social, and institutional contexts. Similarly, approaches that focus on participation in one cultural context or community (e.g., Cross, 2003) may not adequately address the diversity of experiences that students bring to the classroom. This approach has been criticized for not adequately considering the cultural, social, and institutional contexts in which students learn.

In recent years, there has been a growing interest in developing more inclusive and culturally responsive approaches to education. These approaches acknowledge the diverse experiences and backgrounds of students and seek to create more equitable learning environments. One example of a culturally responsive approach is the use of language and cultural knowledge in the classroom. This approach recognizes the importance of cultural diversity and seeks to integrate students' cultural knowledge and experiences into the curriculum. By doing so, educators can help students develop a deeper understanding of their own cultures and the cultures of others.

In conclusion, while there is growing recognition of the importance of cultural approaches in education, there is still much work to be done in developing more inclusive and culturally responsive learning environments. As educators, we must continue to strive for more equitable and culturally responsive practices that allow all students to thrive and succeed in the classroom.
Ecclesiastical Approaches

Schools of thought in mathematics education (D'Ambrosio,
1977; Marks & Wiliamson, 1994; Moore, 1999) have focused on the learning experiences of students in mathematics education. The educational context in which students are engaged in mathematical practices is discussed briefly here:

1. **Traditional Approach:** This approach emphasizes the transmission of mathematical knowledge from teacher to student. It is characterized by teacher-centered instruction, where the teacher is the primary source of information and the students are passive recipients of knowledge.

2. **Constructivist Approach:** This approach focuses on the active construction of knowledge by students. It emphasizes the role of the learner in the learning process and the importance of students' prior knowledge and experiences.

3. **Cognitive Apprenticeship Approach:** This approach is based on the idea that students learn mathematics through apprenticeship in the context of real-world problems. It involves guided practice and reflection on the learner's own thinking and problem-solving processes.

4. **Learner-Centered Approach:** This approach emphasizes the role of the learner in the learning process. It focuses on the development of critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills.

In this section, I describe three components of an ecological approach to mathematics education:

1. **Mathematical Practices:** These practices are described in terms of how they are organized and how they are used by students in different contexts. This perspective is informed by ecological theories of development and learning.

2. **Mathematical Identity:** This perspective focuses on the development of students' identity as mathematical thinkers and how this identity is shaped by their experiences and interactions with others.

3. **Mathematical Environment:** This perspective considers the role of the physical and social environment in shaping students' mathematical experiences and how these experiences are shaped by the cultural and social contexts in which they occur.
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Learning the perspectives focuses on analyzing students in classrooms where mathematics education is in progress or to analyze particular phenomena within a specific context. Mathematics education is a complex activity that involves multiple perspectives, including the students' experiences, the teachers' perspectives, and the educational environment. Understanding these perspectives is crucial for developing effective teaching strategies.

Three main perspectives are considered in ecological approaches:

1. **Student Perspective**: This perspective focuses on the student's experiences and understanding of mathematical concepts. It is important to understand how students perceive and understand mathematical ideas and how they engage in mathematical activities.
2. **Teacher Perspective**: This perspective focuses on the teacher's understanding of mathematical concepts and how they facilitate learning in the classroom. Teachers' perspectives are crucial for effective teaching and for understanding how to improve instruction.
3. **Contextual Perspective**: This perspective focuses on the broader context in which mathematical learning occurs, including the social, cultural, and institutional factors that influence learning.

These perspectives interact with each other in complex ways, and understanding them is crucial for developing effective teaching strategies. Ecological approaches emphasize the importance of considering the interplay between these perspectives to develop effective teaching strategies.
To maximize the potential for significant gains in students’ achievement in mathematics, it is essential to understand how students learn and how they can be helped to learn more effectively. This involves creating a learning environment that is conducive to student growth and development. The following strategies can help achieve this goal:

1. **Provide a Balanced Curriculum**
   - Incorporate a variety of instructional approaches, such as direct instruction, collaborative learning, and problem-solving activities.
   - Ensure that the curriculum is balanced, with a focus on both conceptual understanding and procedural fluency.

2. **Foster a Positive Classroom Environment**
   - Create a supportive and inclusive classroom environment where students feel safe and comfortable to express their ideas and learn from their mistakes.
   - Encourage peer collaboration and support to foster a sense of community and shared responsibility.

3. **Use Technology to Enhance Learning**
   - Leverage technology tools and resources to supplement traditional teaching methods and provide interactive learning experiences.
   - Develop students’ digital literacy skills to prepare them for a technology-driven future.

4. **Assessing Student Progress**
   - Implement formative and summative assessments to monitor student progress and adjust instruction accordingly.
   - Use data from assessments to identify areas where students need additional support and tailor instruction to meet individual needs.

5. **Professional Development for Teachers**
   - Provide opportunities for ongoing professional development to keep teachers updated with the latest research and best practices in mathematics education.
   - Foster a culture of continuous improvement and collaboration among teachers.

By implementing these strategies, educators can create a more effective and engaging learning environment that promotes student success in mathematics.
This definition assumes that bilingualism is a social and cul-
tural phenomenon, involving participation in multiple language-
face contexts. Although one way to understand bilingualism is to see it as a specific linguistic competence that uses one of its languages as a native language, another way is to see it as a multifunctional ability that facilitates communication in various contexts. Bilingualism is thus not just about knowing two languages but about using them effectively in different situations.

Another important consideration is that these are multiple ways to think about bilingualism. In some cases, bilingualism is seen as a linguistic competence that can be acquired through formal education, while in others, it is seen as a natural ability that develops through exposure to multiple languages from birth. These different perspectives are reflected in the various approaches to understanding bilingualism.

A common misconception is that bilingualism is a simple matter of knowing two languages. In reality, it involves complex cognitive and social processes that are shaped by cultural contexts. Understanding bilingualism requires a multifaceted approach that takes into account the social, cultural, and linguistic factors that influence language use.

Working with Learners Who Live Their Own Language

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The concept of translating mathematical discussions involves using second-language speakers to facilitate understanding in content-rich settings. This approach aims to bridge the gap between the content knowledge of the English-speaking community and the receptive and expressive proficiency of the English language. By engaging in collaborative conversations with second-language speakers, educators can create a supportive learning environment that enhances comprehension and retention of mathematical concepts. This method not only enriches the learning experience but also promotes cultural awareness and inclusivity in the classroom.
In Closing: Avoiding Detour Models

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