BILINGUAL PLAN TO BE INITIATED

2 Jefferson East Bank Schools Affected

A five-year bilingual program will begin this fall at Greenlawn Terrace and Anastasia Alexander Elementary Schools on Jefferson Parish’s East Bank.

An instructional program in Spanish and English will be conducted in grades one through five over a five-year period, beginning with one section per grade at Greenlawn and two sections per grade at Alexander in the first, second and third grades.

The program is made possible by a $115,492 grant awarded recently under Title VII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The two schools were selected for the program because the greatest concentration of Spanish-speaking residents and the highest number of Spanish-speaking students in the Jefferson school system are within the schools’ boundaries.

The program is the first of its kind in Jefferson Parish.

The Jefferson Parish public school system also plans to expand its existing English instruction as a second language adult education program.