

People are saying...

“ The Mandarin Dual Immersion program has exceeded our expectations once we discovered our daughter’s literacy skills in both languages. We have seen great development in our daughter and her peers.”

– Ann and Steve Blomquist, parents of student

“ We are tremendously proud of the curriculum and programming. Our students are gaining confidence and pride every day as they learn to successfully navigate in two languages.”

– Tina Choy, Cherrywood Principal

Enroll Today!

We are accepting applications now.

For more information, please contact us:

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Dual Immersion Mandarin

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Message from the Superintendent

Thank you for your interest in embarking on an exciting journey with us. We believe that bilingual education opens the doors to tremendous possibilities for our students. Their ability to communicate in another language is an invaluable asset that will serve them well throughout their lives.

Dr. Roxane Fuentes

Program Goals

- ★ Meet the challenges of a global society
- ★ Become bilingual and biliterate
- ★ Gain career advantages
- ★ Increase awareness of cultural traditions and customs
- ★ Achieve academic proficiency in English and Mandarin

What is Dual Immersion?

Immersion education is an alternative educational model designed to provide students with fluency and literacy in two languages. In this program, all students develop literacy in Mandarin first with the gradual addition of English.

All students in the Dual Immersion Program receive the same curriculum as all students throughout the district, except that initially they are taught in Mandarin for most of the day.

Students in the Dual Immersion Program are taught using California State Standards in English as well as Mandarin. Both English and Mandarin are taught daily, and the students interact in both languages.

Instructional Time in Each Language

GRADE	MANDARIN	ENGLISH
Kindergarten	80%	20%
1st	80%	20%
2nd	70%	30%
3rd	60%	40%
4th & 5th	50%	50%

Enrollment Process

The goal is to have a balance of 50% English only students and 50% native speaker students enrolled in our Dual Immersion classrooms. In order for students to be successful in the Dual Immersion Program, they should have a strong foundation in their home language. All incoming Kindergarten and (potentially) 1st grade students in the Berryessa Union School District are eligible to apply for the Dual Immersion Program. Classroom placement will be based on the following criteria:

1. Attendance area students
2. Berryessa Union School District students
3. Inter-district permits as space allows

Please note: Student language classification will be considered to meet 50% classroom balance.

The Dual Immersion application of interest is available through the Education Services Department at the District Office or district website.