

# Quick Q&A

## Does it work?

Yes! It definitely works. Students in the Dual Immersion Program will develop high levels of proficiency in their first and second language. These incredible benefits occur over a span of several years spent in the program. Our Dual Immersion Program maintains the same academic standards and curricula that are in place for other students in the school district.

## But don't they fall behind if they are not already bilingual?

No, that's the beauty of it. Teachers use a variety of methods, called 'sheltering techniques', to help children who are working in their second language to understand the curriculum. Again, the children aren't able to show all that they are learning until they begin to master their second language, which takes several years.

## What if I don't speak Spanish?

There are many things you can do at home to help your child be academically successful in a two-way immersion program, even if you don't speak the language.

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## Got More Questions? Contact Our Team

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# Dual Immersion Program



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# What is Dual Immersion Education?

The SPS Dual Immersion Program is focused on bilingualism, biliteracy, and multiculturalism. It is designed with the goal of developing proficiency in both target languages, Spanish and English. Children learn core subjects in both languages.



## Benefits of Program

Bilingualism promotes language development, enhances academic and cognitive knowledge, encourages social and family relationships, and benefits future professional careers. Students learn from each other and feel empowered to use both languages and embrace diverse cultural values.

## Program Locations

**Guy Lee Elementary School**  
755 Harlow Road, Springfield, OR 97477

**Hamlin Middle School**  
326 Centennial Blvd., Springfield, OR 97477

**Springfield High School**  
875 7th St, Springfield, OR 97477

## Program Goals

The goals of the Dual Immersion Program are to provide opportunities for students to:

- Perform at, or above, grade level in both languages.
- Develop high levels of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in both English and Spanish.
- Develop a positive attitude toward those who speak the other language and toward their culture.
- Promote self-esteem and leadership skills.

## Program Design

### Elementary: 50:50 Two-Way Immersion Model

- 50% of the day is taught in English
- 50% of the day is taught in Spanish

### Middle School: 70:30 Two-Way Immersion Model

- Social Studies is taught in Spanish
- Spanish Language Arts is taught in Spanish

### High School: 60:40 Two-Way Immersion Model

- Social Studies is taught in Spanish
- Spanish Language Arts is taught in Spanish
- World Language: Spanish is taught in Spanish

## Evaluation

Evaluation of student progress includes regular district assessments plus assessments of Spanish language skills.

English Learners and English speakers receive daily instruction in English Language Development. Classes are taught by qualified bilingual teachers. Teaming with other school based teachers is encouraged to promote a school-wide program and provide additional language models.



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