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Uniting Our World

Dual Language Program

Preparing future leaders for the global community.

With fluency in a second language, your child's opportunities are endless.

Students can begin our dual language program in kindergarten and continue through fifth grade. They not only develop proficiency in Spanish or Mandarin by the end of elementary school, but also develop the skills to succeed in a traditional non-immersion classroom. Researchers have demonstrated that there are cognitive advantages of bilingualism, particularly on tasks measuring cognitive flexibility and selective attention.¹

Curriculum

Our program delivers high quality education with a complete academic foundation through which your child will learn another language.

- All dual language students will learn the same state-approved standards as other schools.
- Students will be prepared to achieve and to perform well on state assessments, which are administered in English.

Research shows dual language students **outperform native English speaking classmates on standardized tests.**² Being literate in two or more languages provides a comprehensive **advantage to succeed in a global marketplace.**

¹Barac & Bialystok, 2012, ²Thomas and Collier, 2012

What is dual language learning?

Language immersion programs are exciting options for parents who want their children to experience a rigorous academic program while also learning two languages — English and a target language. For example, in a Spanish immersion program, Spanish is not a subject; Spanish is the language in which instruction is delivered.



Advantages as a dual language student

Bilingual and biliterate: Dual language students achieve high proficiency in the target language.

Increased cultural understanding: Dual language students learn a philosophy of diversity and inclusion.

Enhanced cognitive skills: Dual language students typically develop greater cognitive flexibility, showing increased memory, superior problem-solving skills, and better attention control as well as an enhanced understanding of their primary language.

Improved self-esteem: Being able to communicate and excel academically in two languages gives dual language students greater self-esteem and sense of accomplishment.

Proven performance on standardized tests: Dual language students show great gains and increased performance on standardized tests in reading and math.

Preparation for a global society and marketplace: Dual language students are better prepared to be leaders in a global community and to succeed in the 21st century marketplace.

To learn more about the dual language program in your school, contact:

“This is a terrific program and a wonderful opportunity for the children. The biggest benefit is not simply the acquisition of a second language, but the use of higher-order thinking skills.”

— Janet Mayers,
Elon Elementary School parent



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Participate Learning is a force for good that connects teachers and students through global education programs to foster human understanding and create peace around the world. Since 1987, we have partnered with schools and districts to develop cultural competency that prepares students to contribute to the world community and compete in the global marketplace.