

What to Expect

- ◆ Your student will have two teachers (1 English speaking, 1 Spanish speaking)
- ◆ 50% of student learning will be in English and 50% of learning will be in Spanish
- ◆ Students will have homework and assessments in both languages
- ◆ Students will continue the program throughout Elementary school (K-5)
- ◆ In the Spanish classroom, the teacher will only speak Spanish, and in the English classroom, the teacher will only speak English in order to fully immerse the students in the respective languages



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Dual Language Program





Dual Language in the Classroom

In the Dual Language classroom, often half of a class will consist of non-native English speakers, and the other half will consist of native English speakers. Content is taught and assessed in two languages over an extended period. Students learn from each other, appreciate different cultures, and grow as citizens of a global community. Whether the student is a native English speaker or an English Language Learner, they develop and strengthen academic and social skills in two languages.

What is Dual Language?

Dual language is a form of education in which students are taught literacy and content in two languages. They are considered “additive” bilingual programs because they “add” a second academic language for students, instead of trying to extinguish a minority language and move a student to exclusively use English. Dual language education fosters bilingualism, biliteracy, enhanced awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity, and high levels of academic achievement through instruction in two languages. Dual Language education is an effective approach to developing language proficiency and literacy in English and a partner language.



Benefits of Dual Language

- ◆ Students become fluent in English and Spanish
- ◆ Students develop superior problem-solving skills
- ◆ Students demonstrate above average performance on state assessments
- ◆ Students develop improved motor and comprehension skills
- ◆ Students show a deeper understanding of arts and cultures

