



WHAT IS DUAL LANGUAGE?

Dual Language is a type of bilingual program where two languages are used for instruction. Curriculum concepts are taught in English and Spanish. Native English speakers, native Spanish speakers, and emergent bilingual children learn together through the day.

PROGRAM GOALS

- To provide valuable skills to students
- To develop both native language and second language
- To broaden students' understanding of the world
- To develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in English and Spanish
- To obtain high academic achievement

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

Students receive 50% of core academic instruction in Spanish and 50% in English in all grades. Students learn to read and write in both languages.

CURRICULUM

The program uses the same Indiana State Standards that all schools in Franklin Township use.

CLASSROOM COMPOSITION

The classroom consists of a balance of native English speakers and native Spanish speakers and includes developing bilingual speakers.

LANGUAGE IMMERSION

Students learn through immersion in the classroom language. Teachers teach lessons in English or Spanish and use a variety of techniques to support language learners.

Parents/Students should be committed to the program as it progresses each year. Second language proficiency typically takes at least 5-7 years to develop.



HOW DO STUDENTS BENEFIT?

Social Benefits

- ✓ The program environment embraces diversity and bilingualism.
- ✓ The program encourages all students to maintain a strong connection to their heritage and culture.

Cognitive Benefits

- ✓ Native Spanish speakers are able to improve and maintain Spanish while learning English.
- ✓ English speakers can take advantage of the opportunity to learn a partner language at an early age, making them more likely to achieve native-like fluency.

Academic Benefits

- ✓ Many studies have demonstrated that Dual Language is the most effective program model for students acquiring English to succeed in school.
- ✓ In a global society, a Dual Language education prepares students for college and future careers.



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