



**News release**  
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## **Everett Public Schools announces dual language opportunity**

*Spanish immersion program begins next fall at Emerson Elementary*



Emerson Elementary displays banner promoting new dual language Spanish immersion program beginning next fall.

Everett Public Schools is excited to announce a dual- language Spanish immersion program beginning in September 2021. Emerson Elementary School will be implementing this program where families with children entering kindergarten will have the option to choose the dual language strand.

The program gives elementary students an opportunity to complete the Everett Public Schools curriculum in a nontraditional and exciting way by immersing them in Spanish language and culture from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Students in the program will become proficient in both Spanish and English while learning the same curriculum content as their peers outside the program.

The goals for each student in the dual language program are:

- **Bilingualism and Biliteracy:** Students will be able to read and write at advanced levels in both English and Spanish.
- **Academic Achievement:** Students will be able to achieve at or above grade level in academic subjects to be prepared for college and career.
- **Sociocultural Competence:** Students will develop positive cross-cultural attitudes to become competent global citizens.

Students from different language backgrounds learn together while instruction is delivered primarily in Spanish at the kindergarten level. Students read, write, listen and speak in Spanish and will become bilingual, biliterate and bicultural. Dual language offers a chance for students to learn another language while at the optimal age. Learning a language at a young age increases cognitive development, which allows for deeper levels of learning.

Priority will be given to students within the Emerson Elementary School attendance area. If a high number of students apply, a lottery will be conducted to select students. If the class is not filled from those in the attendance area, an additional lottery from beyond the school attendance area will be conducted.

Parents interested in the Emerson dual language Spanish immersion program are invited to attend one of the following information nights:

**Monday, Feb. 1, 2021**

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Spanish

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. English

**Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021**

4:30- 5:30 p.m. English

5:30- 6:30 p.m. Spanish

The Zoom link for the information nights as well as other program details are available on the [Emerson Elementary School Dual Language](#) webpage. Applications for the program will be available starting February 1.

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