



Bilingualism and Biliteracy



Academic Achievement



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Dual Language Program

Mission

Inspire, educate, and prepare each student to achieve high standards, contribute to our community, and thrive in a global society.

We believe, and research validates, that Two-Way Bilingual Immersion programs are consistent with these beliefs and will help us achieve our goals for Everett Public Schools students.

We will:

- Promote high academic achievement of all students and close the achievement gap
- Achieve true bilingualism and biliteracy for participating students
- Increase culturally responsive teaching throughout the school
- Foster, promote, and sustain cultural diversity and respect among students and their families
- Promote a sense of unity throughout the neighborhood school

Parent and School Partnership

Parents are an integral part of the Dual Language program. The success of the students depends largely on the commitment and support of the parents involved. Initially, you will need to consider the following:

- At least a six-year commitment (K-5)
- Regular school attendance by your child
- Strong commitment to your child by being supportive and involved in your child's education

What is a Dual Language Program?

Dual Language is an educational model that integrates native English speakers and native Spanish speakers for the instructional day. The goal is to promote high academic achievement, first and second language development, and cross cultural understanding for all students. Academic subjects are taught to all students in English and Spanish. The program creates a biliterate environment for all students, since the first language is maintained while the second language is acquired (Thomas & Collier, 2004).

Kindergarten and first grade students will learn for 90% of the day in Spanish, and 10% of the day in English. As students progress through the grades, their instruction time in Spanish will decrease by 10% per year, and instruction time in English will increase by 10% per year until students reach fifth grade where they will learn 50% of the time in English and the other 50% of the time in Spanish.

The Benefits of Being Bilingual

- Has research-based cognitive and academic advantages
- Improves understanding of one's native language
- Enriches and enhances intellectual development
- Opens doors to other cultures and fosters an understanding and appreciation for multicultural diversity
- Encourages analytic and creative thinking
- Develops higher order thinking skills
- Increases career opportunities

(Thomas & Collier, 2004)

Vision

Our students will lead and shape the future. They will be well-rounded, healthy, and flexible thinkers with a global perspective who can access resources and collaborate. They will demonstrate empathy, pride, and advocacy for self, school, and community while respecting the diversity and worth of others. They will acquire the knowledge, attitudes and skills to adapt to the emerging needs of a changing world.

Dual Language Goals

Bilingual—The learner will become fluent in both English and Spanish by building greater verbal skills with an increased ability to communicate across the languages.

Biliterate—The learner will achieve high levels of proficiency in all academic subjects in both languages by acquiring multicultural competencies and perspectives.

Bicultural—The learner will broaden understanding and appreciation in both cultures by acquiring multicultural competencies and perspectives.

Job Market Advantages—The learner will improve future employment skills for an increasingly diverse and challenging job market.