

DUAL LANGUAGE



IMMERSION PROGRAM



**Connect to
Kindergarten**

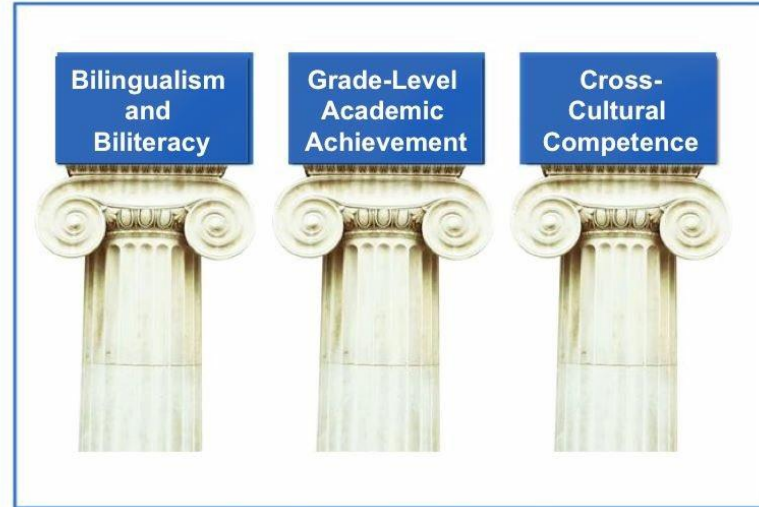


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What is Dual Language Immersion?

PK-12 program in which students learn content (i.e. Social Studies) in TWO languages.

Three Pillars of Dual Language Education



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Partner Languages

- Spanish
- Japanese
- Chinese
- Russian
- Vietnamese

More details on the [PPS Dual Language webpage](#)



Program Models

Two Way	One Way
>1/3 students are Native Speakers of the Partner Language	most students are Partner Language Learners

Grade	50:50 (Vietnamese, Mandarin, Japanese)	90:10 (Russian, Spanish)
K-5th	half day in each language	Starts with Kinder at 90% partner language and slowly increases English until it reaches 50/50 at 4th grade
6th-8th	33% in partner language (2nd Language Arts and Social Studies) 67% in English	
High School	20% in partner language (one elective each year)	

Things to consider when committing to a DLI Program

- In the lottery process, a child is considered a Native Speaker when they have been communicating primarily in the partner language with at least one parent/guardian since birth. Participation in a bilingual childcare/preschool does not fall under this category.
- The dual language immersion education process is most successful over an extended period of time, so remaining in the program K-12th is the most beneficial
- At the middle school and high school grades, participating in Dual Language Immersion (DLI) will mean that my child will take an immersion class as one of their elective/enrichment classes.
- Transportation is the responsibility of the parent. Given that DLI programs are the only instructional model proven to close the opportunity gap for English Language Learners, very limited transportation may be offered in some programs in order to support these students' access to this program.

How to Apply

Apply through the lottery for Kindergarten pps.net/schoolchoice

[DLI Lottery and Enrollment Questions](#)

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