

Vacaville Unified School District



Dual Immersion-SPICE Program



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Benefits for all Students

- Learn two languages simultaneously
- (instead of losing one to learn another)
- Enhanced Comprehension skills in the first language (better reading and language analysis)
- Increased intellectual flexibility which translates into higher academic achievement in all subject.
- Heightened level of multicultural awareness, intergroup contact and appreciation.
- Direct access to knowledge in target language



Seal of Biliteracy

This program recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. The expectation is that students in Dual Immersion Programs are prepared to meet the criteria to earn the prestigious Seal of Biliteracy upon graduation from high school.



Dual Immersion Philosophy

- Language learning is natural for children
- Language learning enhances mental and intellectual development
- Language learning develops broader view of diversity

What is Dual Immersion?



Immersion education is an alternative educational model designed to provide students with fluency and literacy in two languages. In this program all students develop literacy in Spanish first with the gradual addition of English. All students in the Immersion Program receive the same curriculum as all students throughout the District, except that initially they are taught in Spanish for most of the day. Students in the Immersion Program are taught using the California State Standards in English as well as Spanish. Both English and Spanish are taught daily and the students interact in both languages.

Instructional time in Each Language

Grades	Instructional Language
Kinder	90% Spanish 10% English
1st Grade	80% Spanish 20% English
2nd Grade	70% Spanish 30% English
3rd Grade	60% Spanish 40% English
4th Grade	60% Spanish 40% English
5th Grade	50% Spanish 50% English
6th Grade	50% Spanish 50% English



Program Goals

- Meet the challenges of a global society
- Become bilingual and biliterate
- Gain career advantages
- Increase awareness of cultural traditions and customs
- Achieve academic proficiency in English and Spanish
- Obtain the Seal of Biliteracy upon graduation

Enrollment Process

The goal is to have a balance of English only and English learner students enrolled in our Immersion Program. All students in Vacaville Unified School District are eligible to apply for the Immersion Program.

In order for students to be successful in the Immersion Program, students should have a strong foundation in their home language.

For more information regarding the program and the enrollment process, please visit our website at:

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