Selma Unified School District

Dual Immersion
Dual Immersion Program at Eric White Elementary

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Program Goals

● Achieve in all academic subjects according to district and state expectations in both languages.

● Develop fluency in communication and literacy in Spanish and English.

● Cultivate understanding and appreciation of other cultures, inspire self-esteem, and strengthen positive attitudes among students, their families and the community.
Dual Immersion Program Structure

- The Dual Language program will provide academic instruction through two languages, Spanish and English.
- Students enrolled in the program will include students who are native English speakers, and students who speak Spanish.
- Starting in Kindergarten, students will learn in Spanish for the majority of the time.
Academic Benefits of Dual Immersion

Research shows that the early acquisition of a second language enhances intellectual growth by:

- **Strengthening cognitive skills**
- **Increasing a student’s ability to adapt to other types of learning**
- **Enhancing creativity and problem-solving skills**
- **Improving overall academic performance**
Social & Emotional Benefits

- There are many social and emotional benefits to dual language immersion programs, including:
  - Positive self-esteem
  - Extraordinary appreciation for linguistic and cultural differences
- These abilities, along with being bilingual and biliterate, give children crucial skills to thrive in a global society.
# Long Term Program Design

## Ratio of Spanish/English Instruction:
- K-90:10
- 1<sup>st</sup>-80:20
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-70:30
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-60:40
- 4<sup>th</sup>-50:50
- 5<sup>th</sup>-50:50
- 6<sup>th</sup>- 50:50

## Secondary Levels:
- Potential classes designed for Dual Immersion program participants:
  - AP Spanish Literature
  - AP Spanish Language
  - Latin American Studies

## Graduation with the Seal of Biliteracy
Program Outcomes

● Develop high levels of proficiency in both languages
● Perform at or above grade level in both languages
● Demonstrate positive cross-cultural attitudes and behaviors including the ability to be a lifelong learner and positive participant in a global society
Long-Term Benefits

- Improved Performance on Standardized Tests
- Enhance Cognitive Skills
- Increased Cultural Sensitivity
Curriculum

- The program will implement the District’s core curriculum and state-adopted materials.
- Common Core grade-level standards.
- Teachers will be trained and receive continuous professional development for the implementation of the program.
Parent Support and Collaboration

Considerations for Parents:

● Parents will complete the interest form
● **Coming Soon** - They receive an application packet along with the Kindergarten Enrollment packet.
● Parents of students selected for the Dual Immersion Program will be required to attend a Dual Immersion Orientation session in the spring before their student begins.
● Parents will attend Dual Immersion parent engagement and training sessions provided throughout the school year.
● Parents will support the use of the two languages in the home and in the community.
Credentialing Requirements for Teachers

- Multiple Subject Teaching Credential

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- BCLAD Credential-Completed/Emergency/In-Progress
  - Online courses are available at many educational institutions.
  - Option to take sub-tests to show competence.

- District support may provide assistance to teachers in securing the required authorizations for Dual Immersion programs.