



Two-Way Dual Language Program Elgin Independent School District APPLICATION 2020-2021 School Year



Elgin ISD offers a Two-Way Dual Language Program that provides an opportunity for native English speakers to learn to read, write, and speak in English and Spanish at Booker T. Washington and Neidig Elementary schools. If Elgin Elementary parents would like to enroll their child in the Two-Way Dual Language program, they may request a school transfer.

In the TWDL program, students of both language groups will learn together in classrooms that promote language and social equality while supporting full proficiency in both languages. The program strives to foster an understanding and appreciation of all cultures, inspires self-esteem, and strengthens positive attitudes among students, their families, and the community.

The goals of the Dual Language program are for scholars:

- To become bilingual, bi-literate, and bicultural
- To achieve high academic achievement at or above grade level
- To attain high levels of proficiency in both English and Spanish
- To learn in an environment that promotes and fosters positive cross-cultural attitudes

Essential understandings of the Dual Language program include:

- Acquiring a second language is a long-term process.
- The program is both additive and enriching in nature. Students learn both the grade level content, as well as a second language.

Parent Commitment to the Dual Language program includes:

- ✓ Making every effort to commit to remain in the program over time (5 years).
- ✓ Pledging to support your child at home to the best extent possible, even though you may not speak both English and Spanish.
- ✓ Ensuring your child attends school on a regular basis.
- ✓ Supporting the school by actively participating in parent conferences, activities and workshops.

Student Commitment to the Dual Language Program includes:

- ✓ Being a self-starter.
- ✓ Being self-disciplined.
- ✓ Exhibiting strong pre-literacy skills.
- ✓ Being tolerant of changes.
- ✓ Showing positive attitude about learning new things.

Selection process for Dual Language Program:

Upon submission of a completed application, your child will be assessed for language proficiency in English. The eligibility standard score on the assessment for students who participate in the TWDL Program is 4 or higher in English (Proficient or Advanced Proficient). If the number of qualified applicants exceeds available space at their designated campus, a waiting list will be used for the selection process. Parents will be contacted when space is available.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to current school closure, students will be assessed in English when school opens. In the interim, your child will be placed in a TWDL Kinder class and remain there contingent on successful scores on the English proficiency test.



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Please submit the completed application to Dr. Sheila Guzmán at sguzman@elginisd.net and AnneMarie Garza at anne.garza@elginisd.net

Please initial the following:

- _____ I understand the goals of the Dual Language program.
- _____ I understand and agree to support the essential understandings of the Dual Language program.
- _____ I understand and agree to follow the parent commitments of the Dual Language program.
- _____ I understand the student commitments and would like my child to be considered for placement in the Dual Language program.
- _____ I understand the application and selection process for the Dual Language program.
- _____ I understand that completion of this application does not guarantee placement into the Dual Language program.
- _____ I understand all the information above and agree to commit and support my child in the two-way Dual Language Immersion Program in Elgin ISD.

Child's Name (Print)

Child's Birthdate (Print)

Child's Grade Fall 2020

Current Campus (Print) *if applicable*

Parent or Guardian (Print)

Phone Number

Alternate Phone Number

Address (Print)

Email

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Date/Time Received:

Assessment Data: