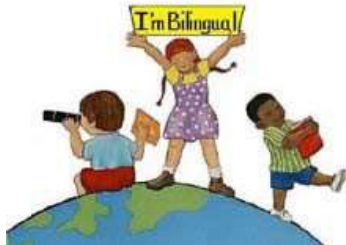


## Elgin ISD Two-Way Dual Language PURPOSES

- Students will develop high levels of linguistic proficiency in two languages.
- Students will develop high levels of academic proficiency in two languages.
- All students participating in the dual language program will demonstrate positive cross-cultural attitudes and behaviors.



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The Elgin Independent School District  
Two-Way Dual Language Program is  
a unique enrichment for students to  
learn in two languages!

## BENEFITS

- Achieve dual language proficiency in English and Spanish.
- Develop respect and appreciation for other cultures by learning, working and playing in multicultural settings.
- Improve students' career options with bi-literate and bilingual skills.
- Build parent-school partnership to help ensure success for all students.
- Develop strong thinking and reasoning skills essential in math and science.

## PROGRAM BENEFITS

**Bilingualism:** Development of high levels of proficiency in the student's first language and in a second language.

**Bi-literacy:** Perform at or above grade level in academic areas in both languages.

**Multiculturalism:** Demonstrate positive cross-cultural attitudes, behaviors, and high levels of self-esteem.



## Elgin Independent School District Two-Way DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM

The Power of Two Languages...



The Power of Two Worlds...

## How It Works

Research has found that it takes five to seven years for students to become proficient in a second language. The optimal time to learn a second language is before adolescence.

Elgin ISD's Two-Way Dual Language program will begin in Kindergarten where students will spend half of their school day in Spanish and half in English.

The percent of instruction will increase as students' progress through the program. By second grade, the students receive language arts instruction in both languages.

Each elementary school will provide Two-Way Dual Language.

The classrooms will include Spanish and English speaking students who participate in instructional activities together.

The ultimate goal is for students to attain fluency and literacy in two-languages.



## Program Design

### Grades K-1

- Academic subjects are taught in Spanish.
- English language development.
- Students are encouraged to use two languages throughout the day.

### Grades 2-3

- Language arts instruction in Spanish and in English in second grade.
- 50% of instruction in Spanish and 50% in English in third grade.
- Academic areas are taught in Spanish.
- Formal English Reading and Writing are emphasized in third grade.

### Grades 4-5

- Instructional time is equally balanced between English and Spanish.
- Content area instruction rotates between English and Spanish without repeating content.



## Student Placement:

Students must be first time kindergarten students and reside in Elgin ISD. English speaking students will be assessed for linguistic proficiency in English and Spanish.

## Parent Opportunities

Parent involvement is an important component of the program. Parents become active participants in their child's education by attending meetings and volunteering in the Two-Way Dual Language Program and other school activities.

### Parents will be asked to:

- Understand and support the program design.
- Agree to a minimum six year commitment to the Two-Dual Language Program (K-5).
- Participate in school meetings.
- Participate in their child's education and volunteer time to their child's classroom on an ongoing basis.



*Parents are a child's first teacher and play an important role in the education of their child.*

## Enrollment Information:

Participation in the Elgin School District Two-Way Dual Language Program is voluntary and enrollment is limited. For consideration, please return the attached interest section of this brochure.

Providing academic success for students in two languages

**YES!**



**I WANT TO FIND OUT MORE.**

I would like my child to be considered for the Two-Way Dual Language Program.

I would like more information about the Two-Way Dual Language Program.

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Student's Name

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Date of Birth

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Parent/Guardian Name

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Address

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Home Phone

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Home School

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Home Language

Please return to your child's school or to Elgin ISD Administration Building.