

Dual Language Education

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What is Dual Language (DL)?

- DL is a form of bilingual education.
- Students from two language groups are taught literacy and content in two languages.

Why Dual Language? Equity

- Students from different backgrounds are recognized as equals.
 - DL education creates an environment that fosters positive attitudes towards other cultures as well as develops a students' self-identity.
- The curriculum and program model reflect the goals of bilingualism and biliteracy.
 - Students have access to the curriculum.
 - Improved linguistic and academic outcomes.
- Linguistic equity.
 - Students maintain their L1 to support and develop another language.

Why Dual Language? Excellence/Service

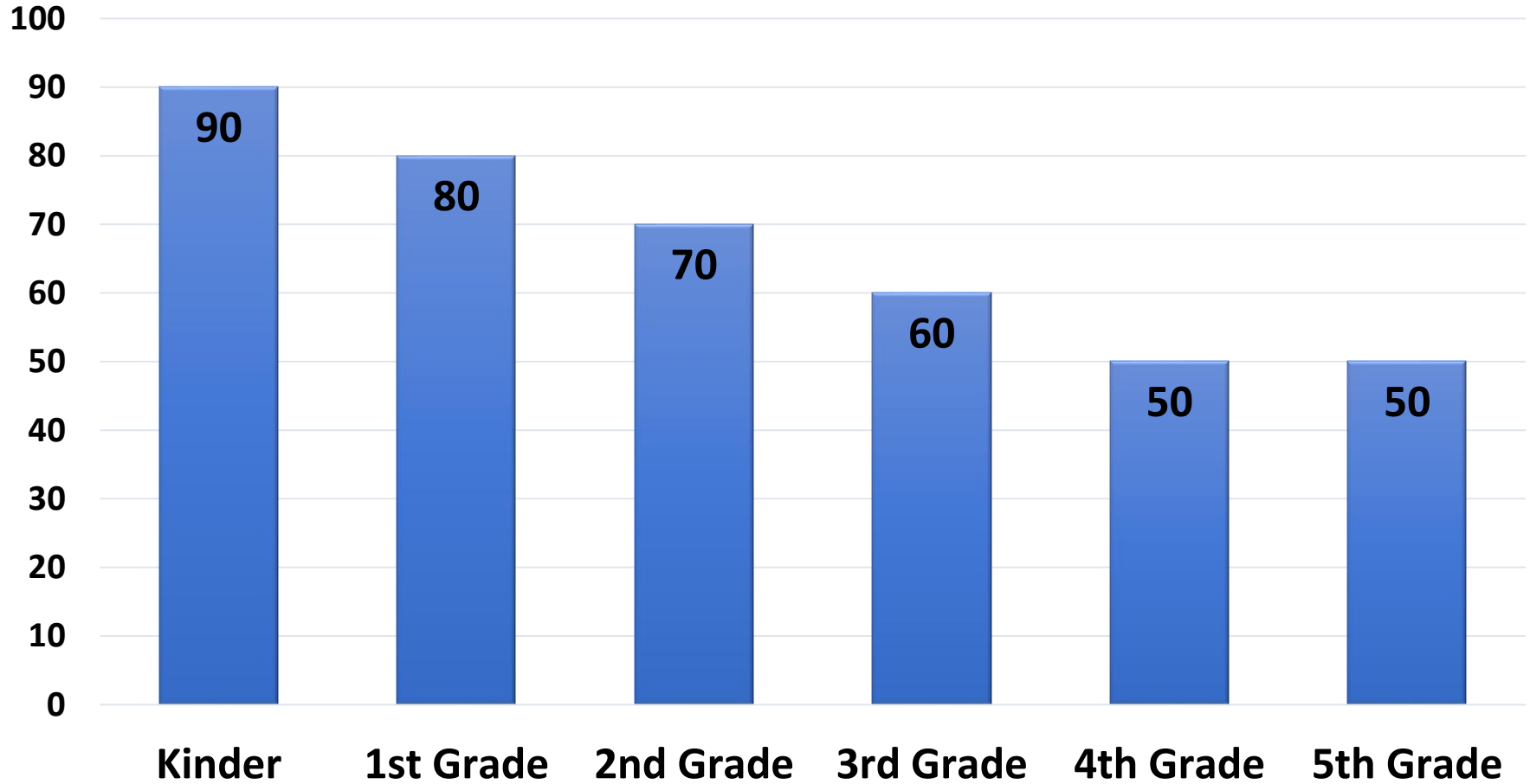
- Effective instructional program model for developing language proficiency in two languages.
 - Bilingualism is associated with greater cognitive development.
 - Bilingualism provides additional options for students – creativity, critical-thinking, problem-solving, communication and collaboration.
- Family and community engagement – opportunities will exist to develop relationships and community building efforts (two-way communication).

Goals of a Dual Language Program



90:10 Model

Instructional Time in Target Language



90:10 Model

- 90:10 promotes proficiency in both languages
- Spanish is used for 90% of the instructional day starting in Kindergarten.
- Strand within a school.
- Staffing – requires 2 Spanish speaking teachers per grade level.
- Each successive school year a grade level will be added creating a K-12 pathway.

Research Findings 90:10

- In 90:10 programs, both English and Spanish dominant students have high Spanish proficiency outcomes at the end of the program.
- Learning to decode text is easier in Spanish because of transparent or shallow orthography (a consistent correspondence between pronunciation and spelling).
- Academic achievement in bilinguals is influenced by the level of bilingual proficiency.
- Reading achievement in Spanish is high for all students

¡Gracias!
Thank You

Preguntas y Comentarios
Questions and Comments

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