## ¡Bienvenidos! Welcome to Eagle Heights Spanish Immersion

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> EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS Inspiring each student every day

#### Language is at the heart of the human experience

Learning other languages and understanding the cultures of the people who speak them is a 21<sup>st</sup> century skill that is vital to success in the global environment in which we live. Our school combines the excellence of an academically award-winning school district with the opportunity to learn in Spanish beginning in kindergarten. Together with our strong parent community, we guide our students to take ownership of their learning while exploring their interests and finding new passions in a caring learning environment.



#### Why do families love Eden Prairie Schools?



## Outstanding parent approval

Our excellent teaching staff has a 98% approval rate among parents.



### Committed to low class sizes

Our schools have among the lowest average kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade class sizes in the west metro.



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### Top-rated school district

Eden Prairie Schools earned the highest-possible rating of "A+" from Niche.com.

## The Eagle Heights Difference

#### Seguro. Amable. Responsable.

At Eagle Heights Spanish Immersion, all students work together with their classroom teachers to embed three character pillars – Be Safe, Be Kind and Be Responsible – into everyday learning. Our staff work hand in hand using the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and Responsive Classroom programs to develop students into outstanding community members committed to continuous learning and growth.



#### What do parents have to say?

"Immersion education at Eagle Heights benefitted our children in many ways. Our children are fluent in Spanish, culturally aware, have a broad vocabulary and are keeping up with or exceeding learning standards. All the staff have brought the school to new heights, and we are so excited that many families continue to benefit from all that EHSI has to offer."

-Kelly & Rafael Robert, Parents



#### **Eagle Heights Proficiency**

- A focus on the whole child leads to academic excellence: Our students consistently achieve above state averages.
- We apply the same standards, outcomes, curriculum and assessments as the district's other elementary schools, with the exception that all of our core subjects are taught in Spanish.

#### **Enriching Special Courses**

Specialists in art, music, and physical education meet with students throughout the year to explore talents, develop positive attitudes, foster creative expression and encourage self esteem.

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#### **International Intern Program**

All of our students benefit from this special program, which supports as many as 16 fullyear interns who interact with immersion students. The teaching interns are all from Spanish-speaking countries and volunteer to share their language and culture with students while assisting in the classroom. The program is supported by the Spanish Education Fund (SEF), a parent-led nonprofit that works in parallel to the PTO. Learn more at <u>SpanishEducationFund.org</u>.



#### At Eagle Heights, we're full of Eagle Pride

Eagle Heights is a wonderful place for students, staff and families. What makes us an excellent school?

- **Personalized Learning**: At Eden Prairie Schools, we believe each learner has unique talents and gifts. By personalizing learning, teachers work to understand, care for and nurture student strengths, while students are encouraged to take ownership of their learning and explore their interests and passions.
- **4Cs**: Our teaching practices emphasize the 4Cs: creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication. These are the skills essential for both career and citizenship.
- **Mindfulness**: Students engage in calming strategies throughout the day to help reduce stress, improve attention and promote overall student wellness.
- **Gifted Programming**: Students identified for our Key (grades 3-5) and Young Scholars (K-5) programs engage in rigorous enrichment lessons that integrate multiple content areas, critical thinking skills, and elements of depth and complexity.
- Orchestra, choir and band: Students engage in musical education each week. Eden Prairie Schools is one of the few area districts to offer orchestra at the elementary level.
- **Bilingual & biliterate**: Beginning in third grade, students experience a dual literacy program with language arts instruction in both English and Spanish. By middle school, our students can read, write and speak both languages, resulting in well-educated students who are not only bilingual but also biliterate.
- **Transitioning to middle school and beyond**: Eden Prairie Schools offers multiple courses and opportunities to students who wish to continue to grow their Spanish education experience after leaving Eagle Heights. They may choose to earn a Bilingual Seal in high school, which earns college credit.

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#### Parent Involvement

Eagle Heights and our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) work collaboratively to enhance the educational environment for students. The PTO sponsors events throughout the year to provide enrichment opportunities in the 4Cs (communication, collaboration, creativity, critical thinking) for all students. In addition, the PTO supports our STEM Education Night, Maratón de Lectura (Read-a-thon), and various classroom activities throughout the year. We encourage our families to be involved in the Eagle Heights community; join us online at ehsipto.org.



#### Ready to register?

We're excited for you to join the Eden Prairie family! Visit us online at <u>www.edenpr.org/register</u> or visit us in person at 8100 School Road in Eden Prairie (Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

#### **Registration questions? Contact our Welcome Center:** 952-975-7008 or email *Register4EP@edenpr.org*

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