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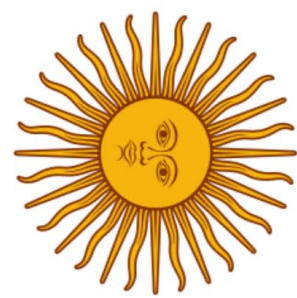
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*Is Spanish immersion in
your child's future?*

**Parent Orientation for the
2020-2021 School Year**





Introductions:

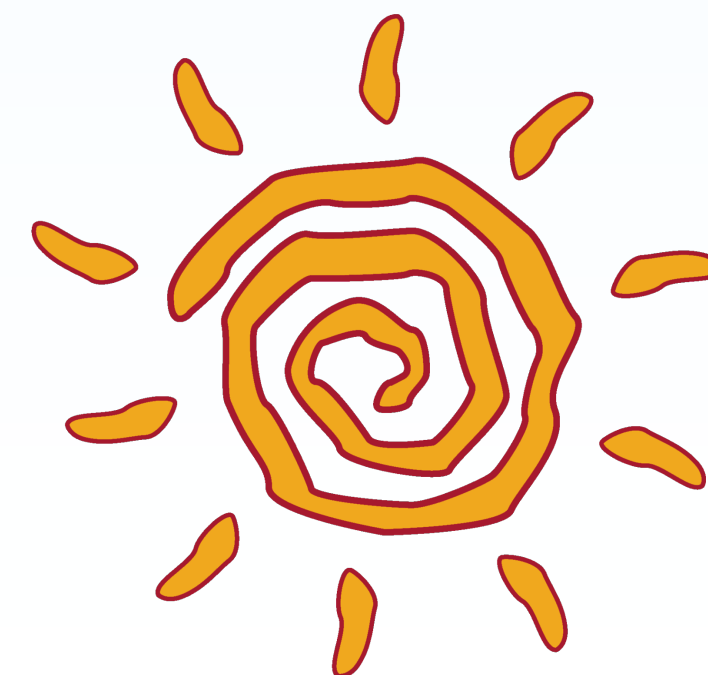
Principal

Spanish Immersion Kinder Teacher

District Spanish Immersion Support – Yareli Williams

District Director of STEM – Jerri LaMirand

Spanish Immersion Parent

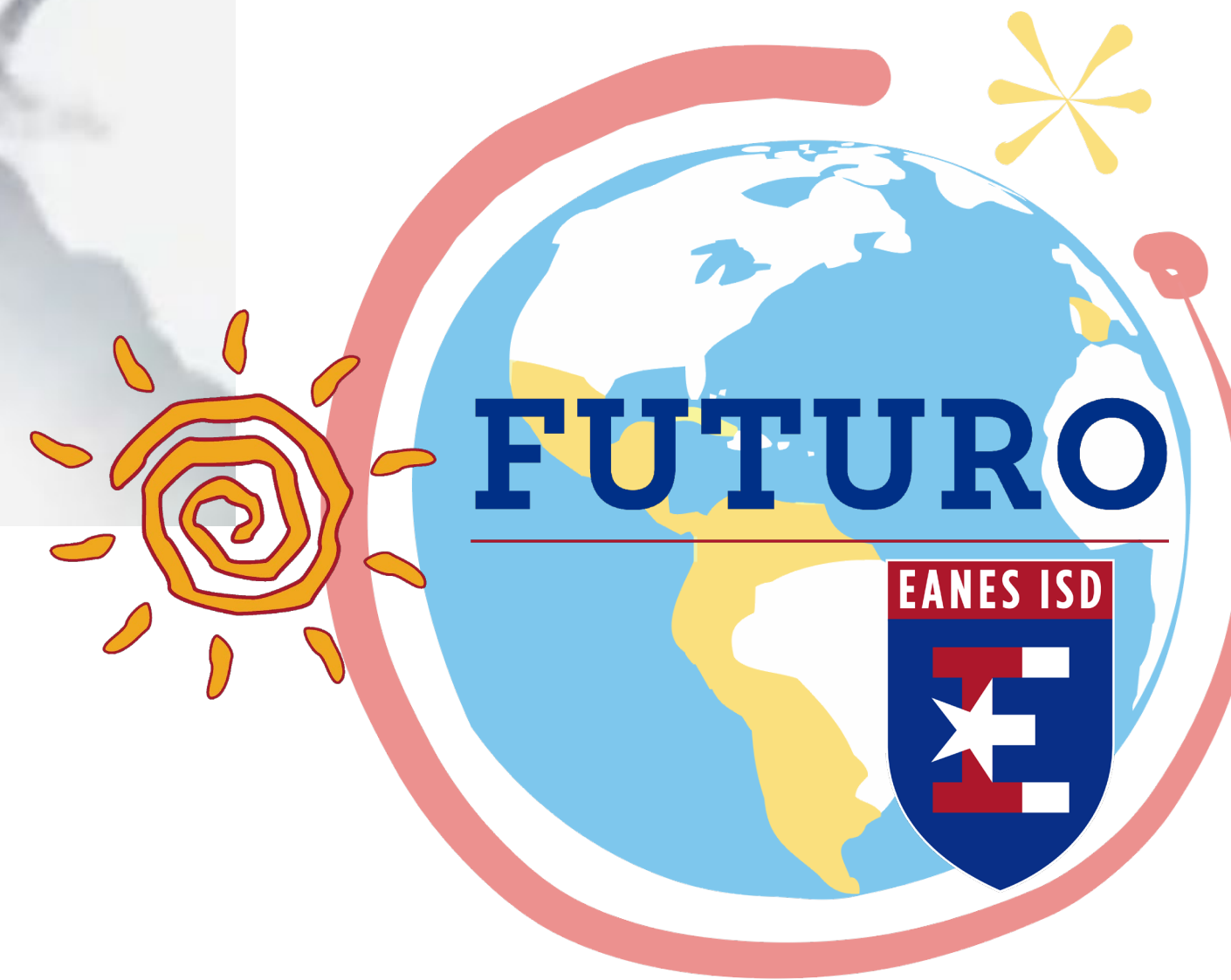


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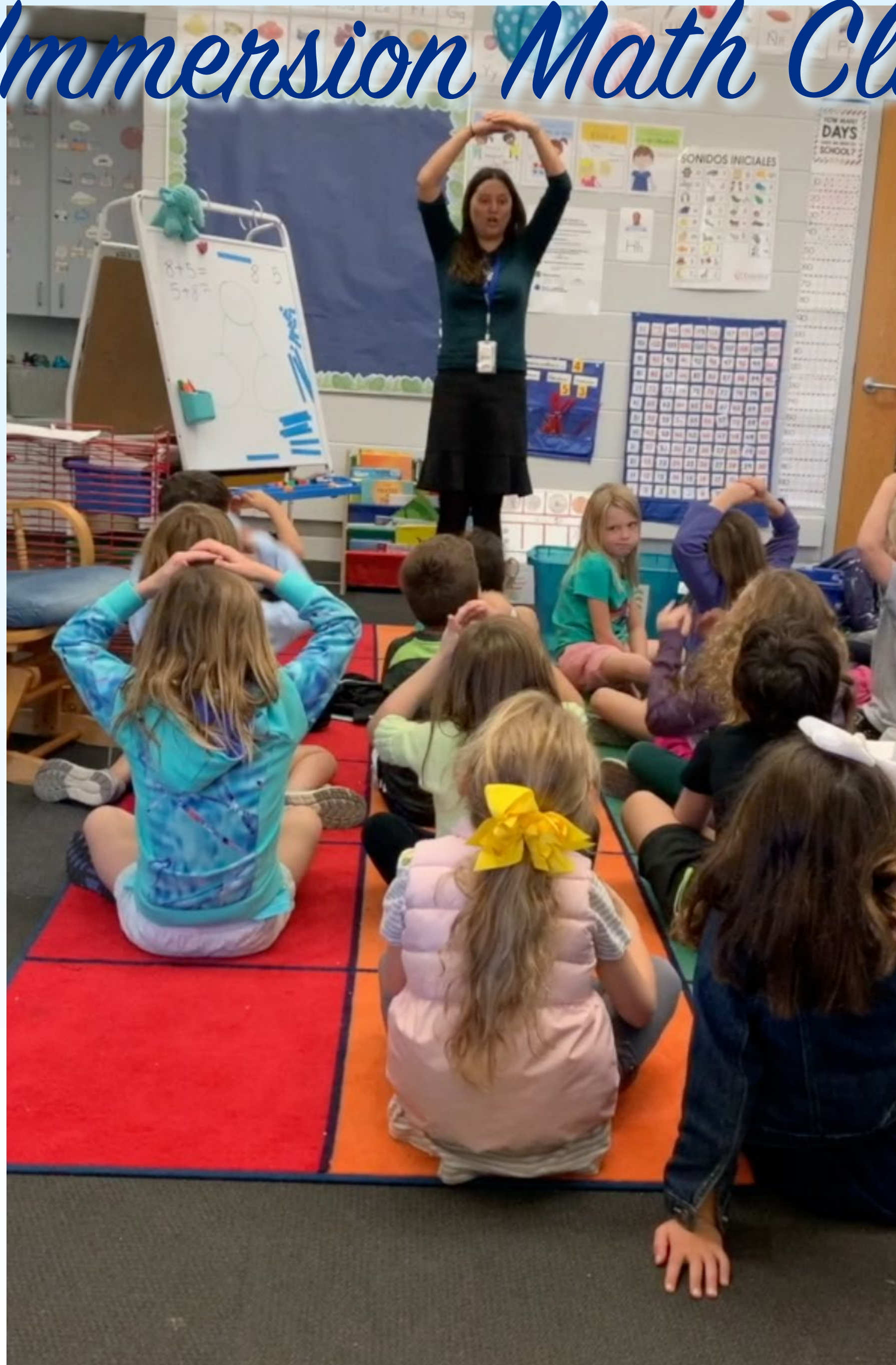
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Spanish Immersion X Westlake



Spanish Immersion Math Classroom



Language immersion is a district priority



**Guaranteed
Viable Curriculum
& Guaranteed
Viable Experience**

Transition Spanish immersion from
a pilot to a fully integrated program
while ensuring a Guaranteed
Viable Experience for *all* students





*Benefits of Language Immersion**



Second Language Skills



Performance on Standardized Tests



Cognitive Skills



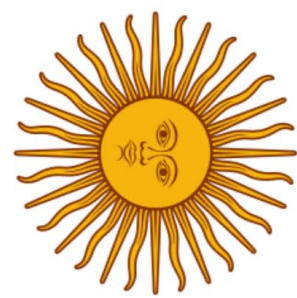
Bicultural Competency



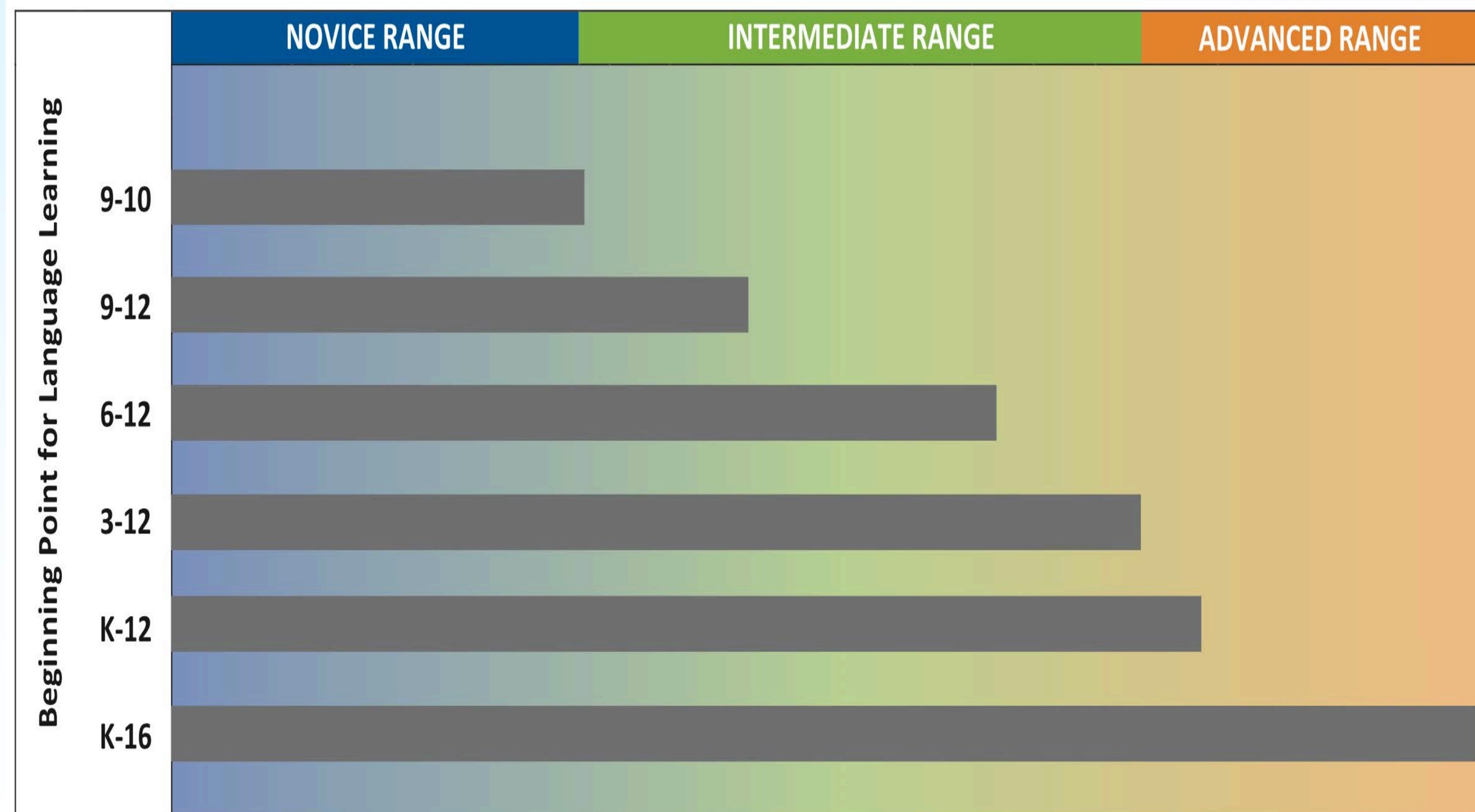
College and Career Benefits



**<http://www.utahdli.org/whyimmersion.html>*

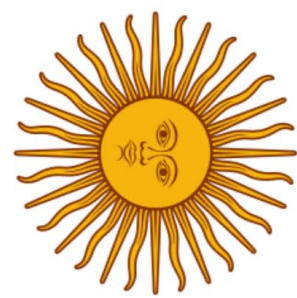


Time is a critical component for developing language proficiency



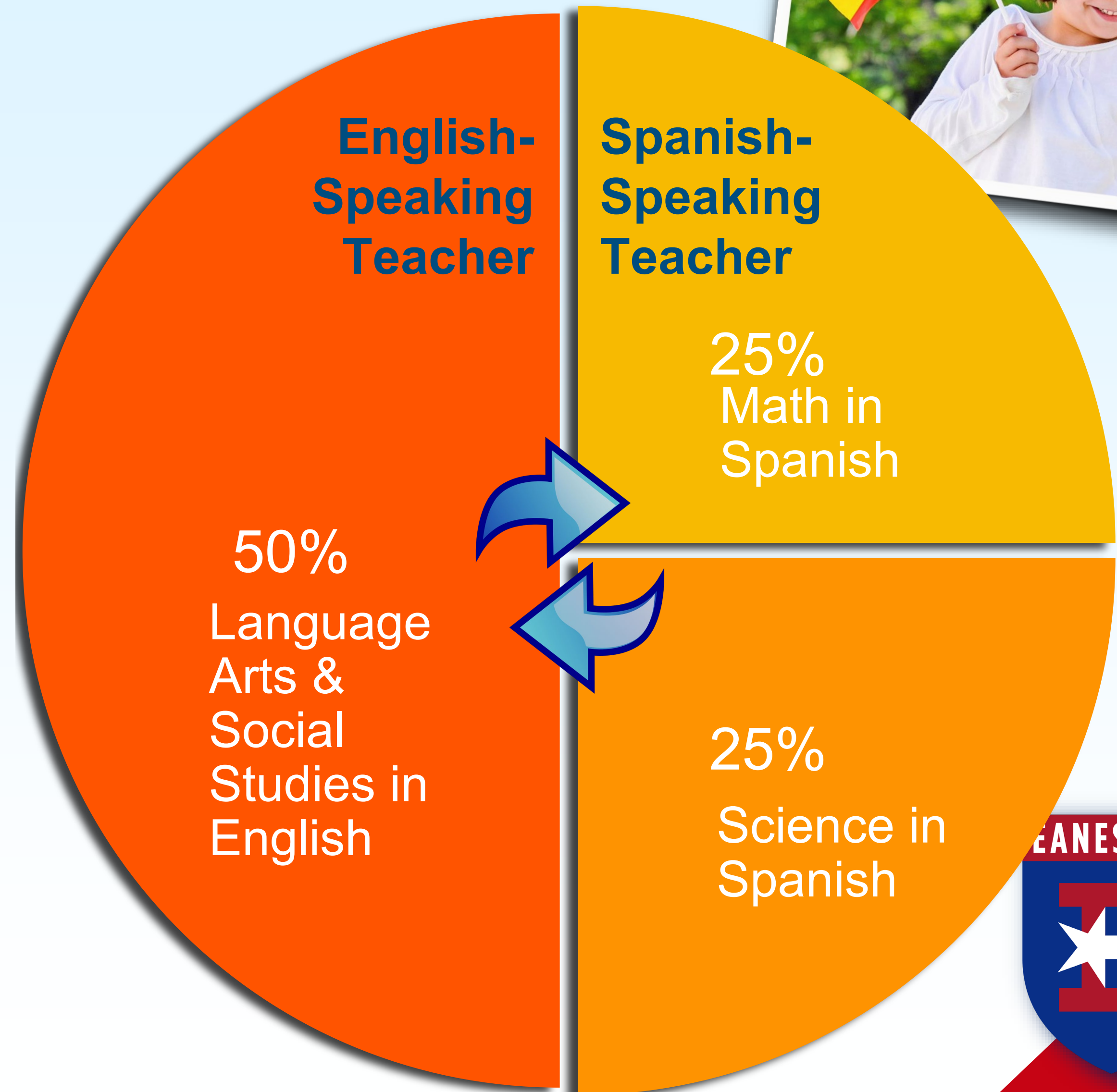
The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), Proficiency Descriptors for Language Learning, 2006





Overview of the K-2 model

- **Core subjects** split 50% in Spanish, 50% in English
- **Two teachers**; one speaks in Spanish, one speaks in English
- **50/50** research-based “Utah” model instead of one-way immersion
- **Four sections** per grade level required





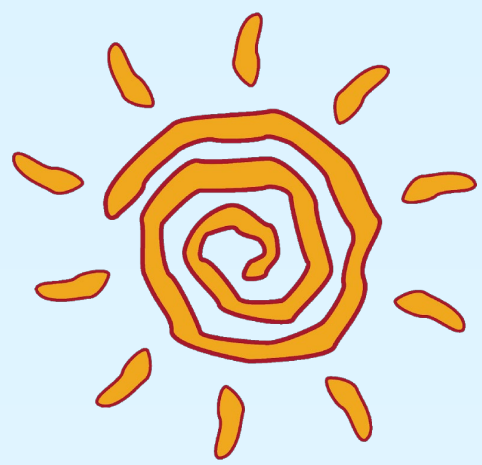
Grade-level interaction

- Recess, Lunch
- Specials (Music, Art, PE)
- School events
- Field trips
- Special Projects





Teacher qualifications



Classroom expertise

Language immersion or
comparable experience

Must pass:

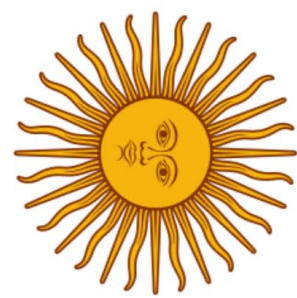
TExES Core Subjects EC-6 or EC 4-8

English as a Second Language
Supplemental Test

Bilingual Target Language Proficiency
Test

Bilingual Supplemental Test





How are students selected?



- ★ In order of the online applications according to time and date
- ★ **First priority** given to students in the home school attendance area and to siblings of current students
- ★ **Second priority** given to children of staff who teach at that school
- ★ **Third priority** given to in-district transfers and children of staff who teach at other Eanes ISD schools
- ★ **Fourth priority** given to out-of-district transfer students





What is expected of parents?

Attend informational meetings

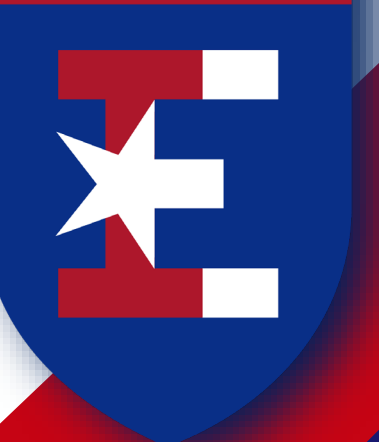
Sign a commitment letter
upon acceptance

Provide home support

Volunteer Opportunities



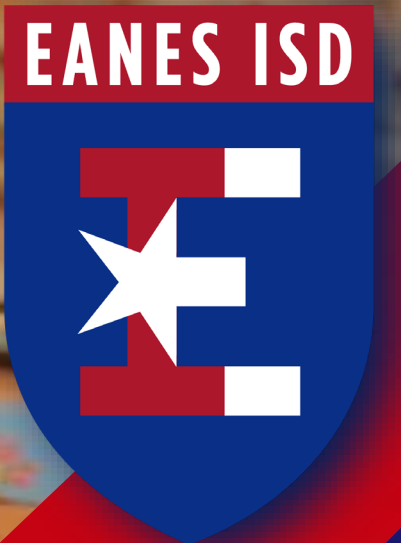
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When is the program not a good fit?

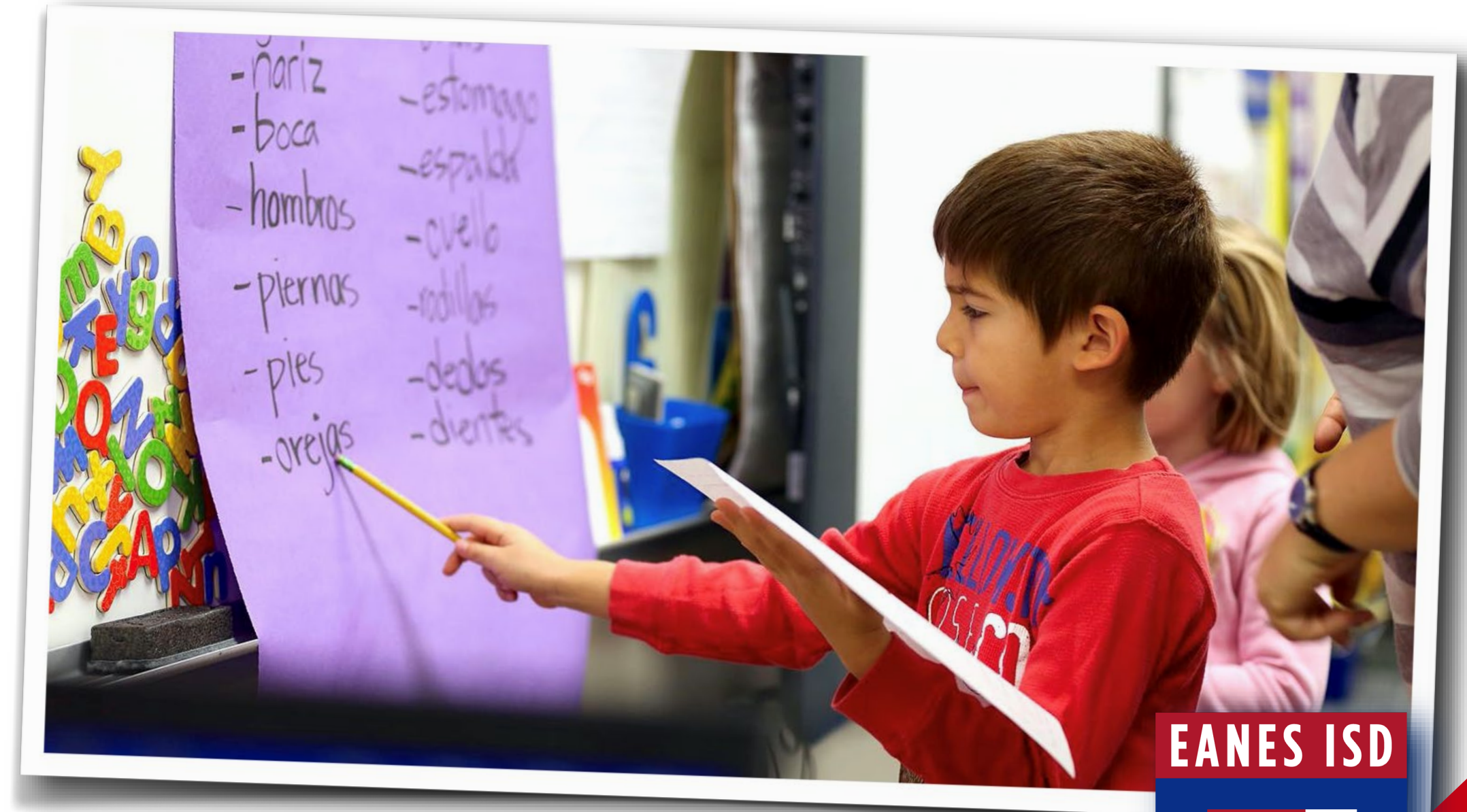
- ★ Retention in kindergarten
- ★ A multi-year commitment is not possible
- ★ Difficulty with transitions and change



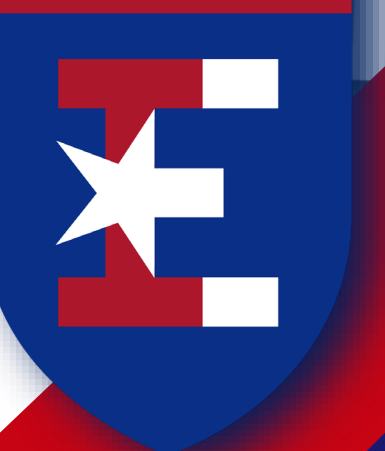


How will I know my child is learning?

- ★ English language assessments (such as the MAP test)
- ★ Teacher observations and feedback



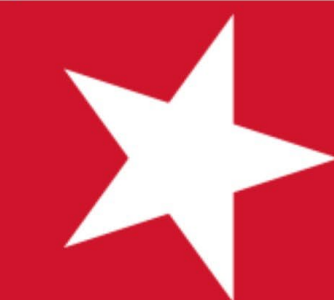
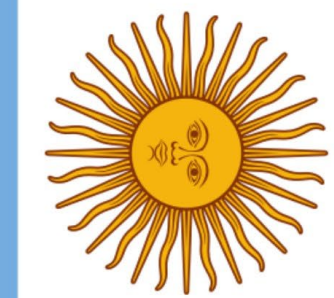
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- ★ Kindergarten, first- and second-grade students currently enrolled in the Eanes ISD Spanish immersion pilot are **achieving at or above the expected scale score (RIT) in reading and math** when compared to their peers in non-immersion classrooms, as assessed by the Measures of Academic Proficiency (MAP) subject-area tests from the fall of 2017 through the fall of 2019.



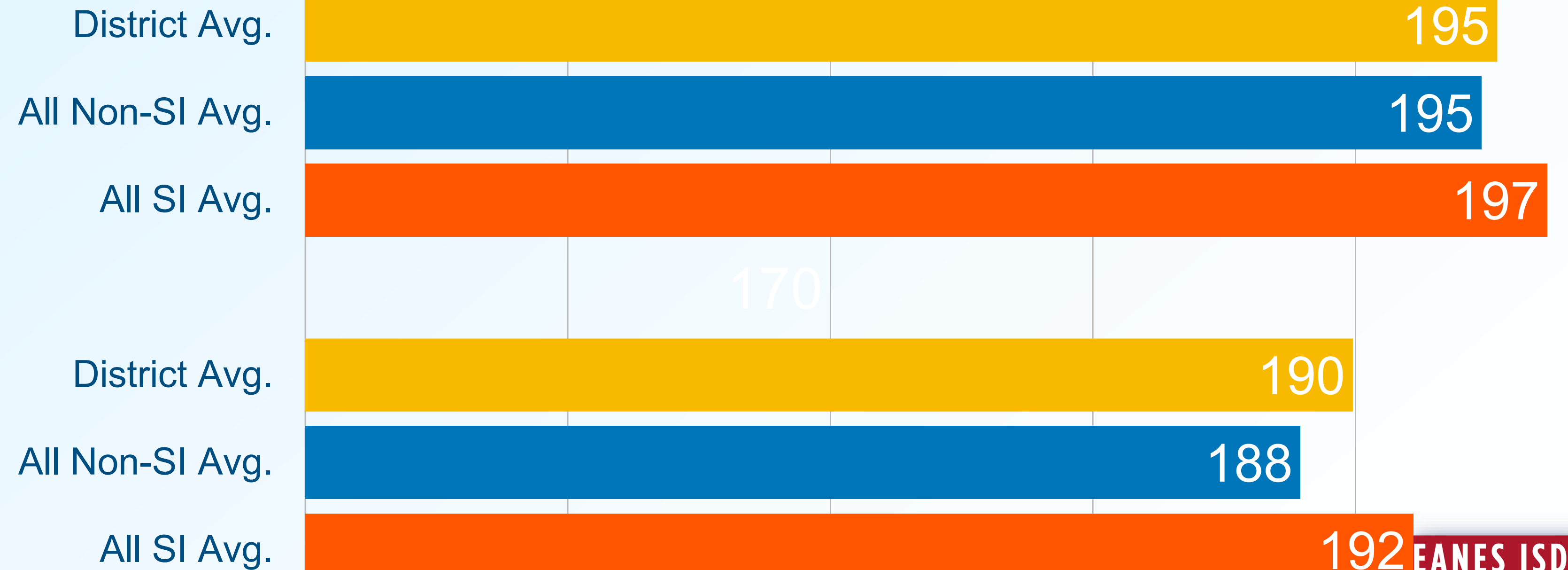
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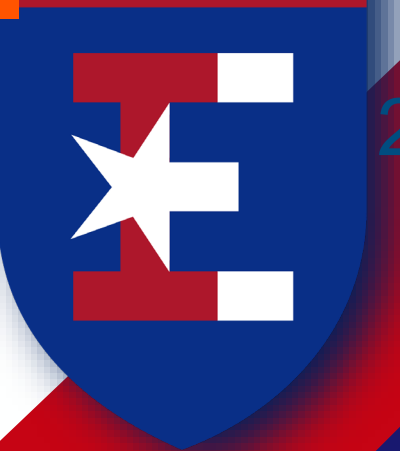
Math

*Fall 2019
assessment
window*

Reading



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★ Second Cohort: 1st-Grade

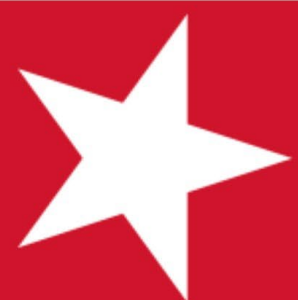
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Reading





Can a child enter the program after Kindergarten?

- ★ IF space is available in the grade level or school of preference
- ★ Preference is given to students who have had exposure to or experience with the language, especially in 2nd grade.





2020-21 timeline

**February 11, 18,
20, 24 & 25**



Parent Information Meetings

March 2

Online application Opens at 12 noon

March 6

Online application Closes at 5 p.m.

March 12

Notify Accepted Immersion Families

March 25

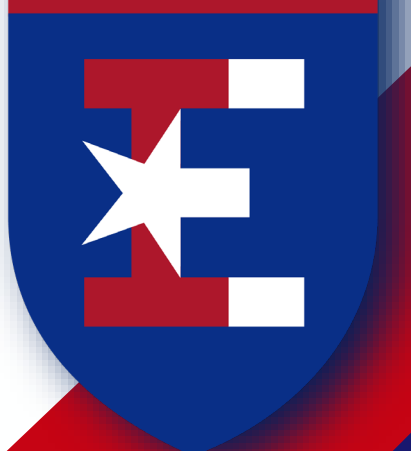
Kindergarten Round Up

April 1

Parent Commitment Letter Due



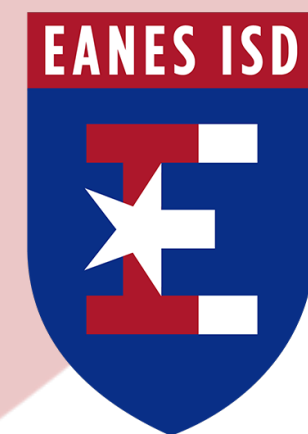
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*Further questions
and conversation*

