WELCOME TO OUR MPCSD SPANISH IMMERSION COMMUNITY!
Traducción en español está disponible

Seleccione el icono de "interpretación" y seleccione español.
Program Locations and Introductions

Encinal School
- Principal Sharon Burns
  - 1-2 SI Classes at each grade level
  - K-5 School
  - Located on Middlefield and Encinal Ave, Menlo Park
  - Student Body - about 640 students

Laurel School
- Principal Linda Creighton
  - 2 SI Classes at each grade level
  - K-5 School Across Two Campuses
  - K-2 on Edge Road in Atherton
  - 3-5 on Elliott Drive in Menlo Park
  - Student Body - about 640 (320 at each campus)
AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions  
What is Spanish Immersion?  
Program Features  
Changes due to Covid 19  
World Language  
Considerations  
Is Immersion best for my child?  
Procedures and Next Steps  
Questions
POLL # 1- PRIMARY LANGUAGE
Spanish Immersion

- A method of instruction
- Students are mainly taught in Spanish
- English is added incrementally as students progress through grades
PROGRAM GOALS

- Academic Excellence
- Bilingualism/Biliteracy
- Multicultural Competence
- Biliteracy Attainment Award in 8th grade
POLL # 2- SIBLINGS
is my SUPERPOWER!

I see issues through different perspectives.

I use BOTH of my languages to think & learn.

I'll have more job opportunities.

I have a UNIQUE WAY of looking at things.

My languages open the door to centuries of ideas, history, culture, and knowledge.

Research says my bilingual brain is...
**HISTORY**

**2008-2009**
- Two kindergarten classes open at Encinal
- 2 Immersion teachers
- 48 students

**2021-22**
- K-5 program at Encinal and Laurel
- 6-8 Spanish for Spanish Speakers elective
- 23 Immersion teachers
- 463 Immersion students
**Smarter Balanced State Assessment: ELA/Math 3rd-5th Grade**

**2018-2019 ELA**
- SI - All: 87 Met, 16 Not Met
- EO - All: 336 Met

**2018-2019 Math**
- SI - All: 91 Met, 13 Not Met
- EO - All: 330 Met
MPCSD Spanish Immersion Program
• Same curriculum (but in Spanish) and specialists (in English) as all MPCSD students

• Bilingual Reading Specialists
  ○ Considered only if child is reading below grade level in BOTH languages. Otherwise, it’s more of a vocabulary development need, not a reading need.

• Amity Interns* and Bilingual Instructional Aides as additional layer of support

*not available during pandemic
INTERNS
Cultural Activities
World Language

- FLEX Language program: Language Exposure
- Alternative to Immersion
- K-5 program at all schools-Virtual and In person model
- 6-8 Spanish, S4SS, and French
Families who choose to enroll their children in the immersion program should know the following:

- Twins
- No sibling or language priority
- Cohort, class sizes and configuration may vary
- Program is K-5 with a middle school elective class
- Ongoing challenges to recruit and retain highly qualified bilingual teachers and support staff
Families who choose to enroll their children in the immersion program should know the following:

- Social-Emotional considerations of a class(es) together for 6 years
  - students develop sibling-like relationships
  - limited opportunities for mixing with EO strands
  - students learn acceptance and peer resolution skills at a deep level
Poll # 3 - First Time in Kindergarten
WHAT TYPE OF STUDENT IS SUCCESSFUL IN IMMERSION?

- Strong language base in primary language - either Spanish or other language
- Transitions easily
- Comfortable with the unknown
- Resilient
- Accommodating of different personalities*
- Strong family commitment to the long-term goals
Procedures and Next Steps

● Attend ONE Mandatory Spanish Immersion Parent meeting
  *Add your child’s full name in the chat box to indicate you have attended this meeting

● Must register for Kindergarten and Spanish Immersion program during priority registration period

● Registration Procedures
Lottery Specifics

- Lottery (if needed) - **2023 Date TBD**
- Acceptance/Waitlist number sent via email - complete the Google form ASAP
- Accept or decline within two weeks (14 days)
- Failure to accept within 14 days forfeits your child’s waitlist spot
- Failure to remain enrolled in the school and the MPCSD forfeits your child’s waitlist spot
2023 Meeting Dates TBD
QUESTIONS