

Demographics

The population of Hacienda Heights, CA is 45% Hispanic, 39.6% Asian, and 12.9% White. 64.7% of the people speak a non-English language.

About the Program

Los Altos' immersion program is a Golden Bell award winning program that provides opportunity to build literacy in two languages. The dual language program stimulates childrens cognitive, social, and linguistic development. It prepares children with advantages to compete for future careers. Dual language education provides children with the skills needed to live and work in a multicultural and global economy.

This unique program offers English and Spanish speaking students the opportunity to learn and excel in two languages, English and Spanish. Students in a Dual Language Program are taught in the 90/10 model. Students in kindergarten receive 90% of their instruction in Spanish and 10% in English. Each year, English is gradually increased into the program. By 5th grade, instructional time will be 50% in English and 50% in Spanish. Students at this time will develop fluency in both languages.

Resources

Web:

<https://www.spanishtown.ca/>

<https://www.storyplace.org/es>

Apps:

Fun Spanish by Study Cat

Flashcards Spanish Lesson

Spanish Sentence builder

Conoce a mi amigo Tufo

Parent Ed Support:



**Los Altos
Elementary: Dual
Immersion Program**



Culturally Valued Practices in Families

Culturally valued practices create a sense of identity and belonging within a child. It shapes and influences the child's outlook and perspective.

Capacities of Children in Language Development

The most crucial years of a child's life is from age birth-5 years. This is the brain's most intensive time to develop and mature, especially to obtain information such and language and other lifelong skills.

Advantages of Bilingualism

- Multi-Tasking ability
- Ability to manage two languages when communicating with others.
- Enhance culture closeness
- Strengthen communication skills
- Increase opportunities in the labor market
- Improve executive functioning skills
- Enrich social skills
- Build identity development
- Strengthen family connections.



“Learn everything you can, anytime you can, from anyone you can; there will always come a when you will be grateful you did.”

-Sarah Caldwell

English Learners Definition

A person who is learning the English language in addition to his or her native language or any other languages they may speak. (diredresults.us/dll/dual)

Dual Language Learners Definition

Children ages birth to five who “acquire two or more languages simultaneously, and learn a second language while continuing to develop their first language. (diredresults.us/dll/dual)