

District 622 provides a variety of language programs

District 622 offers a variety of classes, programs, and services for students learning English, wanting to learn another language, or wanting to strengthen and validate their bilingual abilities.

Almost 1,400 students receive English Language support. Our students come from many different countries and speak over 70 different languages. Students are taught English using grade-level standards in our elementary and secondary schools. There are also cultural student groups that build community.

Bilingual students in grades 10-12 can take the Bilingual Seal Exam each spring. The Minnesota Bilingual or Multilingual seals are awarded to students who demonstrate their ability to speak, read, write, and listen in a language other than English. The Bilingual Seals award is noted on their transcript. They may also receive college credit for their achievement. Their language skills can also be highlighted on their resume. Many employers value having bilingual employees.

In our Dual Language Immersion program, students learn academic content while using two languages. District 622 began offering language immersion in Spanish, Mandarin, and Hmong this year. In addition to developing bilingual and biliterate language skills, students will learn about the culture of their targeted language.

District 622 offers French, Spanish, and American Sign Language I, II, or III for our secondary schools. Students can take three years of French or Spanish and then take even more advanced College in the Schools (CIS) French or Spanish classes. Heritage language classes are also offered for high school students who speak Spanish at home.

Our mission in District 622 is to develop and empower lifelong learners who thrive in diverse communities. Whether we help our students learn English, celebrate their bilingual language skills, or create bilingual citizens, our students will undoubtedly find success in the future.

Learn more at www.isd622.org/languageprograms

Hello, 622 community!



Superintendent Tucci Osorio

We have had a great start to the 2022-23 school year. Thanks to the support of our community, our students are finally experiencing the joy of newly renovated schools. Ribbon-cutting events were held at the new Justice Alan Page and Eagle Point Elementary schools, and the renovated Carver Elementary. Ceremonies will be held at John Glenn and Skyview next spring.

In 622, we pride ourselves on being careful with taxpayer dollars. We have worked hard to keep our construction projects on budget. Thankfully most of our construction projects were launched before the pandemic and subsequent supply chain disruptions and inflation. Naturally, we are disappointed that our recent technology levy request didn't pass. As we begin to identify budget cuts, we will work with our community to prioritize the needs of our students and families.

District 622 students, staff, and families represent many cultures. We have students with a wide variety of language needs. On the left, you can read about our programs designed to help our students meet their language goals.

#622Proud!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Tucci Osorio".

Christine Tucci Osorio, Superintendent

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Several ribbon-cutting and beam-raising events held this fall



Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held earlier this fall at Justice Alan Page (UL - Sept. 13), Eagle Point (C - Sept. 27), and Carver Elementary (UR - Sept. 28). Tartan held a beam-raising ceremony on Sept. 30 (LL, LC) during which the senior class and staff signed the final beam of the addition before it was raised into place. Construction continues at North and Tartan,



with completion expected in 2023 and 2025, respectively. Ceremonies will be held at John Glenn and Skyview in early 2023. For photos or more information, visit our construction website at www.isd622.org/construction.

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Winter Break is December 23 - January 2