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Dual Language Program Parent Contract

The following describes what parents understand and agree to by having their child participate in the dual language program.

1. Our school is a District (APS) Charter School with a focus on Dual Language Education, Environmental Stewardship and Parental Involvement.
2. Second language acquisition takes a minimum of 4 to 7 years; therefore, parents must commit to having their child participate in the program through the 8th grade.
3. The English and the Spanish Language is learned through content not in isolation.
4. All students are instructed in English and Spanish. Both language groups will perform academically at their grade level or higher.
5. Academic instruction will be in Spanish 50% of the time and English 50% of the time.
6. Classes are mixed. Spanish dominant children and English dominant children are placed in the same classroom to provide language models for each other.
7. Initial reading instruction for all students will be in both languages.
8. All students are instructed following State of New Mexico's Standards and Benchmarks for all subjects.
9. Parents will attend informative sessions twice a year in order to continuously update their knowledge about the program philosophy, current research, and the value of biliteracy in society.
10. Parents play a vital role in helping their child acquire a second language, so it is recommended that parents volunteer at least once a month in one of the dual language classrooms as part of their commitment to the program.
11. Parents will ensure that students:
 - a. Attend school regularly and on time
 - b. Ensure the completion of school projects and homework.
 - c. Play a key role in the school discipline of the child.
12. In the unusual circumstance that a student fails to progress in the Dual Language Program, the student will need to attend after school tutoring for Reading and Math until they reach grade level proficiency. A small fee may be charged as a registration fee for the after-school program.

I have had the opportunity to read and discuss the above conditions for my child to participate in the Dual Language Program and I accept responsibility for meeting these conditions.

Student Name

Parent Signature

Date