

Our School

At Willow Glen Elementary, you'll find dedicated, caring teachers and an engaging environment provided by a beautiful, historic campus that has been the heart of the community for more than a century.

Our strong academic programs, dedicated parent involvement, and a caring school climate have established Willow Glen as a California Distinguished School.

Situated at the gateway of Willow Glen, an area known for its neighborliness, Willow Glen Elementary has deep roots in a community that values children.

At Willow Glen Elementary, students can acquire the priceless gift of dual-language fluency at their neighborhood school.

Orientation

Parents are required to attend a TWBI orientation before enrolling their student in the program. Orientations occur in January at the District Office, but may happen at the site after the initial enrollment period has begun.

Please contact the District's Enrollment Center for more information.

Enrollment Center

The SJUSD Enrollment Center is located at 855 Lenzen Avenue San José, CA 95126

It is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Please call (408) 535-6412 to make an appointment.

Learn more at: go.sjUSD.org/enroll



Parent Participation

Parent involvement is an important component of the program. Parents become active participants in the education of their child by volunteering their time. There are plenty of opportunities for parents to contribute to their children's learning. Parents may be a part of Los Dichos, SELAC, School Site Council and PTA.

Program Commitment

Program participants and their families are expected to make a minimum six year (K-5) commitment to fully benefit from the success of the Two-Way Bilingual Immersion Model.



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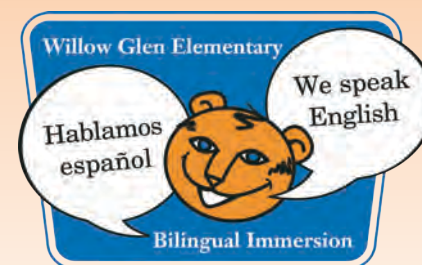
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Willow Glen Elementary

Two-Way Bilingual Immersion

Spanish & English



Program Overview

The Two-Way Bilingual Immersion Program (TWBI) offers students the unique and exciting opportunity to learn to read, write, and communicate naturally in two languages, English and Spanish. Within six years, students will be on their way to acquiring the priceless gifts of bilingualism and biliteracy.

Immersion education, or early schooling in a second language, has been used successfully with English and Spanish-speaking children in San José Unified for more than 30 years. Research shows impressive development of both second language fluency and academic achievement.

The Two-Way Bilingual Immersion Program merges the most successful aspects of immersion and bilingual education with a strong academic program. Both English and Spanish-speaking children are essential to the success of the program. Positive interaction between groups ensures that our students learn from each other.

Program Goals

- Develop fluency in communication and literacy in two languages, English and Spanish
- Acquire knowledge in all academic subjects as outlined by the Common Core National Standards
- Cultivate understanding and appreciation of other cultures, inspire self-esteem, and strengthen positive attitudes among students, their families and the community

Learn more at: go.sjUSD.org/twbi

Curriculum

The program follows the District's core curriculum. The delivery of the lessons are taught by using one language at a time. Teachers are highly trained in delivering lessons that are understood by all students. This allows students to move from listening to speaking and eventually reading and writing. Hands-on experiences help students learn the language in a supportive environment.

- District guidelines and common core grade level competencies are taught in the appropriate language of instruction according to content and grade level.
- Teachers are trained in second language acquisition strategies to modify the delivery of instruction to promote high levels of academic language and literacy.



TWBI Model

San José Unified's K–12 TWBI Language Model is research-based.

Grades K–1:

- ◆ All subjects are taught in Spanish.
- ◆ There is an emphasis on Spanish literacy and oral language development.
- ◆ There is a minimum of 45 minutes of Academic English Language Development.

Grades 2–3:

- ◆ All subjects are taught in Spanish.
- ◆ There is a continued emphasis on adding English language arts.
- ◆ There is a minimum of 75 minutes of instruction daily in English.

Grades 4–5:

- ◆ Spanish language arts, social studies, and math are taught in Spanish.
- ◆ English language arts, science and PE are taught in English.

Grades 6–8:

- ◆ 7th & 8th grade Spanish language arts courses fulfill high school Spanish 1/2 and 3/4 credits.
- ◆ Social Studies is taught in Spanish.

Grades 9–12:

- ◆ AP Spanish Language and Literature offered
- ◆ Translation and Interpretation Course offered i.e. legal, medical, educational and environmental terminology