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# ASB DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM HANDBOOK

## ASB DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR EARLY LEARNERS

### Introducing Mozdawaj: Our New Dual Language Program at ASB's Early Childhood Center

The Dual Language Program at ASB is designed to provide Pre-KG students with a unique opportunity to excel academically while mastering two languages: English and Arabic.

#### About the program

The ASB Dual Language Program is a ground-breaking initiative immersing student in both Arabic and English from Pre-KG. We will be implementing a co-teaching model that empowers your child to communicate in a truly bilingual and culturally rich environment. Imagine your child confidently switching between languages, understanding diverse perspectives, and developing critical thinking skills; that's the power of a dual language education!

Our unique curriculum seamlessly integrates both languages, through engaging activities like storytelling in both Arabic and English, collaborative projects requiring communication in both languages, and classroom routines where both languages are naturally used. This immersive approach allows students to acquire both languages fluently and effortlessly. Research shows that bilingualism enhances problem-solving skills, improves memory, and boosts creativity. Our students enjoy these cognitive benefits, while also excelling in other subjects thanks to our rigorous academic standards and dedicated teachers.

#### Curriculum

Our Early Childhood Program takes pride in offering a unique dual language experience that immerses children in both Arabic and English. Following the Ontario Kindergarten Program, as well as the AERO Common Core Plus Curricular Standards for English, Science, and Math in KG2, we provide a comprehensive educational foundation.

Children begin their language journey in a fun and immersive environment, unlocking proficiency in both English and Arabic. They engage in culturally enriching activities, from traditional music to storytelling, developing a deep understanding and appreciation for diverse perspectives. We seamlessly integrate Ontario and Common Core curricula into our Elementary School, ensuring a smooth transition and laying a strong foundation for future academic success. Your child will be ready to embrace the opportunities that a multilingual and multicultural world offers.

#### What Sets Us Apart?

At ASB, we believe in providing a dynamic and inclusive learning environment that prepares students for success in an interconnected world. Our Dual Language Program integrates rigorous academic standards with immersive language instruction, fostering bilingualism, cultural understanding, and critical thinking skills.

#### Program Highlights

- Comprehensive curriculum blending English and Arabic instructions across various subjects.
- Experienced and dedicated educators proficient in both languages.
- Emphasis on fostering multicultural perspectives and global citizenship.

## Why Choose ASB's Dual Language Program?

By enrolling in our Dual Language Program, students embark on a transformative educational journey that equips them with the linguistic, cognitive, and cultural competencies needed to thrive in today's diverse society. Join us as we empower students to become confident, compassionate, and proficient bilingual learners!

## Facilities

From purpose-built playgrounds and en-suite classrooms to swimming pools, indoor gyms, and fields, the ASB campus offers ample space for children to explore their environment, inspire curiosity, and awaken their imaginations.

## Program Q&A

### 1. Will the dual language program go beyond Pre-KG?

Yes, we plan to add a grade each subsequent year until we reach Grade 2.

### 2. Who will teach the class?

The program will be led by experienced and qualified bilingual teachers.

### 3. What will the class size be?

Class maximum size will be 18 students.

### 4. Will the fees be higher in this program?

The fees for the academic year 2024-25 will be the same as the international program.

### 5. Does anyone at ASB have experience in this type of program?

Our Early Childhood Principal, Ms. Casey Bucheler, has extensive experience working in dual language programs.

### 6. Will this class only be for Arabic students?

This program is ideal for students who are native Arabic speakers or have a foundation in Arabic, and who are interested in developing high proficiency in both Arabic and English.

### 7. What makes this program different from a regular ECC program?

The ASB Dual Language Program offers a unique bilingual learning experience in Arabic and English. It fosters cultural awareness and bilingualism in young learners from Pre-KG. The program integrates both languages seamlessly, emphasizing early language acquisition and cognitive benefits. It provides a balanced curriculum, strong language skills, and a solid foundation in core subjects. It promotes cultural understanding and a global mindset. Led by experienced bilingual educators, the program offers a nurturing and engaging environment through interactive teaching methods and technology integration.