




# Bilingual Transitional Kindergarten



2024-2025

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# Agenda

- Bilingual Transitional Kindergarten
- Application process
- Student selection process
- Notification Letter

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English only



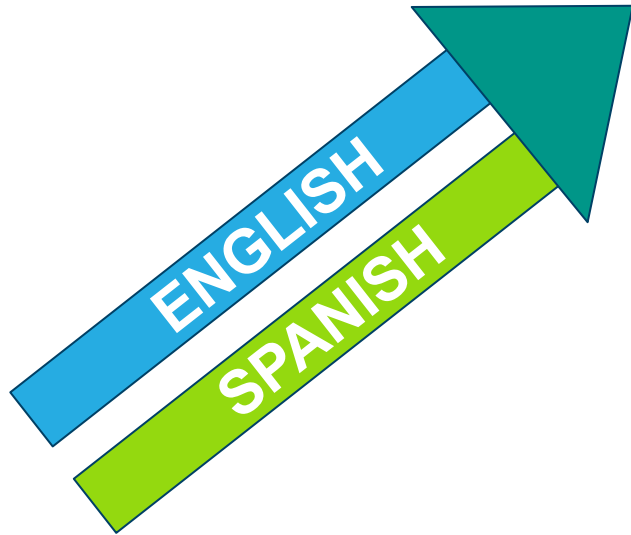
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English.  
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Balanced number of students who speak each of the program languages and students who are bilingual.

# Bilingual Transitional Kinder



Spanish speakers participate in an additive bilingual TK experience that maintains and grows the Spanish they been learning since birth while building their confidence in English

English speakers become familiar with learning in Spanish, especially if they have aspiration of attending DI Kinder.

# Why Bilingual TK

**Maintain  
home  
language and  
culture while  
learning  
another**

**Experience  
learning in two  
languages  
before  
committing to  
DI K-8**

**Builds and  
maintains a  
multilingual  
community**

# Bilingual Transitional Kinder



Bilingual TK is a stand alone program, not a direct feeder program into Dual Immersion. However, it is anticipated that many Bilingual TK families will apply and be accepted to DI Kinder.

# Program Goals

Provide linguistically rich learning opportunities that will position students optimally whether they attend English or Dual Immersion Kindergarten.

Language maintenance is the goal. Students will maintain or enhance their native language.

Increase access to early Spanish literacy opportunities for English Learners

# Program Features

Parts of the learning time are taught in English and other parts in Spanish.

Fully bilingual teacher exposes students to an additional language while developing their first language to deeper levels.



# Program Features

## Percentage of Instruction in Each Language

	<b>Hands-on Experiential Learning</b>	<b>Literacy and Numeracy Development</b>	<b>Language Development</b>
<b>Spanish</b>	50%	50%	50%
<b>English</b>	50%	50%	50%

**March 25**  
through  
**April 9,**  
2024

Any family  
who wants  
their child to  
participate in  
Bilingual TK  
must submit  
an  
application

Applications  
received after  
April 9, 2024  
will  
automatically  
be added to  
the waitlist.

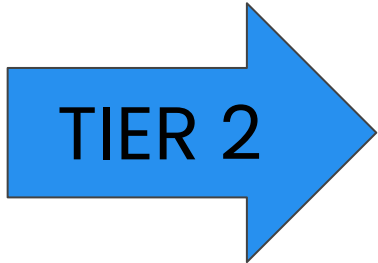
# Who may apply?

Students born between 9/2/2019 - 6/2/2020

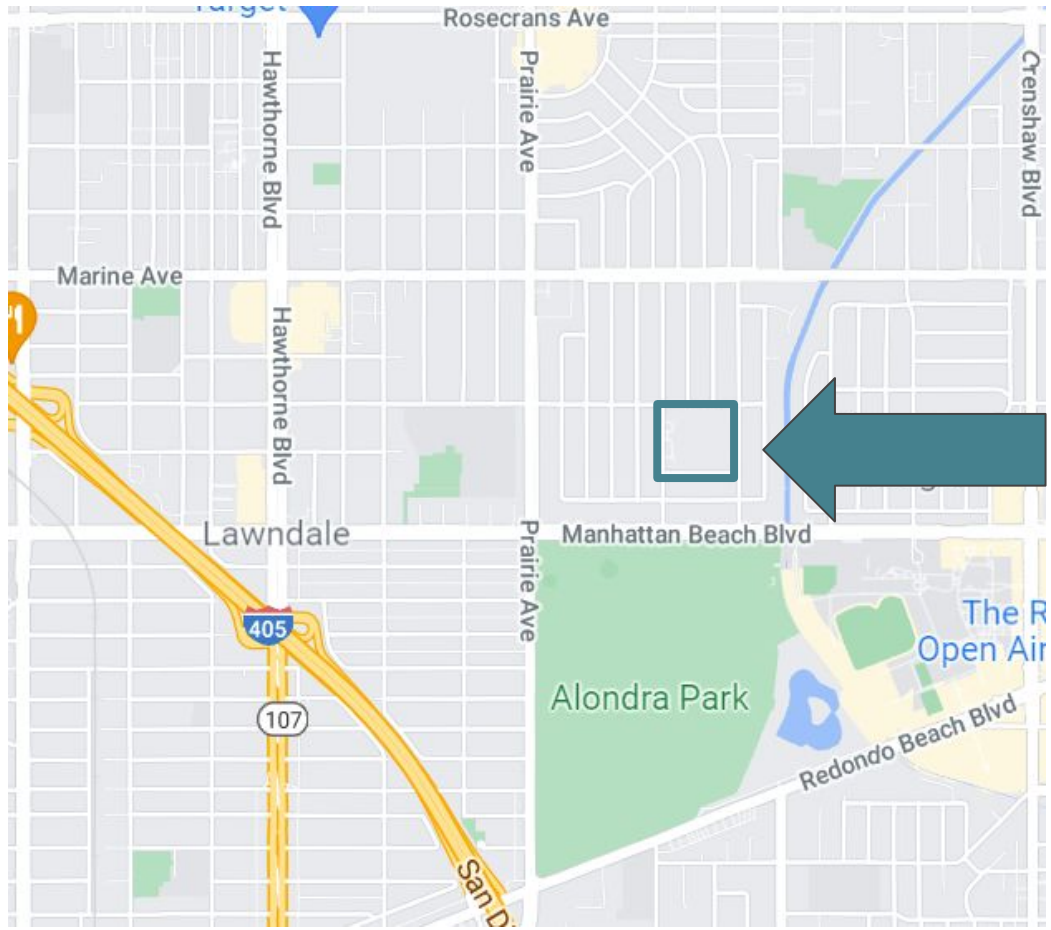
Families of students who receive Special Education services are welcome to apply. Reach out to us or your student's IEP team if you need additional information.



LESD Attendance Area  
Dual Immersion Siblings  
Enrolled in TK for 2024-25  
District Employees



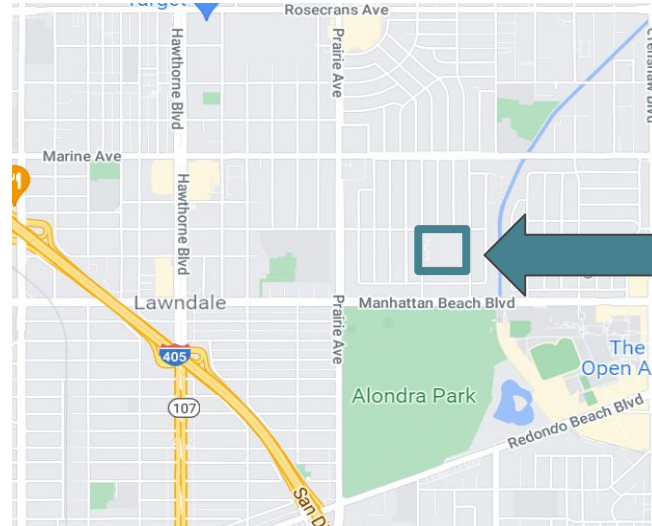
Out of District



Mark Twain  
Elementary School

The logo for Mark Twain Elementary School features the school's name in a stylized, rounded font. 'Mark Twain' is in a teal color, and 'Elementary School' is in a yellow color with a teal outline. Above the text is a small illustration of a yellow and orange oar.

If your student is accepted to the bilingual TK class at Twain, families should not expect that older elementary-aged children will be granted a school transfer to attend Twain.



# Completing the application

Please submit only ONE application per child.

If you need to make any corrections, please contact [cherise\\_jones@lawndalesd.net](mailto:cherise_jones@lawndalesd.net).

If you are applying for twins, please submit an application for each child.



# Language Questionnaire

As part of the application, you will be asked a series of questions about how your child uses Spanish and English.

Your answers must accurately reflect the language abilities of your child.

# Language Questionnaire

Untruthful responses on this language questionnaire jeopardize the key principles of the program and may result in the child being excluded from the program.

# After Submission

# After Submitting An Application

You will receive an email to confirm the application was received.

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to ensure that the application has been received.

If you do not receive this email after 2 days, send an email to [cherise\\_jones@lawndalesd.net](mailto:cherise_jones@lawndalesd.net)

# Students.

How will students apply and be selected?



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## Maintain program integrity

Best practice is to maintain a mix of language backgrounds to ensure that both Spanish and English are represented in the student population.

## Tiered randomization

Siblings of current DI students, Lawndale residents, children of Lawndale staff and students who are enrolled in TK for 2024-25 school year will all have equal priority. Followed by out-of-district residents not currently enrolled in TK for 2024-25 in LESD.

Notification of acceptance or waitlist  
April 12, 2024 via email



(310) 675-9134

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to contact us in the case that you do not receive the email.

Details for enrollment procedures, permit requirements and deadlines will be included in the notification email.

Failure to complete the steps as outlined in the notification email by April 19, 2024 may result in forfeiture of the spot.

# Accepted Students

Must comply with the requirements indicated in the letter by the deadline of April 19, 2024.

# Students on the waitlist

The Bilingual TK waitlist will remain active year round. Unlike the DI program, if a vacancy occurs for an English speaking student, the child may enter at anytime without a language evaluation.



# Website Information and Links

Visit the Early Childhood Education website at

[ece.lawndalesd.net](http://ece.lawndalesd.net)

Select Transitional Kindergarten and find  
bilingual TK.

# Applying for Bilingual TK does not enroll your child in TK

<https://www.lawndalesd.net/enrollment/prek-8>



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## NEW STUDENTS

### *In-District Students*

If you reside within Lawndale, please create an account and enroll using the 2023-2024 New Student Registration button below:

**2023 - 2024 NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION**

**LOCATE YOUR STUDENTS HOME SCHOOL**

Our 2024 - 2025 registration opens February 1st!

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# Contact Information

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Thank  
you!