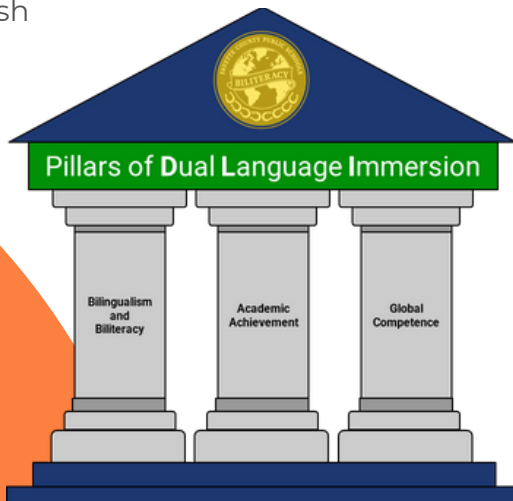


What is DLI?

Dual language Immersion (DLI) is a unique approach to bilingual education. Students learn academic content: math, science, social studies, and literacy in both Spanish and English. The DLI Program at Cardinal Valley Elementary follows a 50/50 model: 50% of the time in English and 50% in Spanish. The Dual Language Program is 50% of the school population.

Program Goals

- Develop biliteracy in English and Spanish
- Promote high academic achievement for all students
- Foster cross-cultural competency
- Strengthen student's heritage/native language as well as develop their ability to speak, read, write, and understand English



Benefits of a DLI Education

- **Bilingual Proficiency:** Heritage/ Native students gain fluency in both Spanish and English, fostering a deeper understanding of their culture while developing essential language skills.
- **Cultural Preservation:** Students maintain their cultural identity and connections to their heritage while embracing diversity in an educational setting.
- **Cognitive Benefits:** Bilingualism enhances problem-solving, creativity, and executive function, giving heritage/native students a cognitive edge that extends beyond language acquisition.
- **Global Opportunities:** Proficiency in multiple languages opens doors to academic, professional, and personal opportunities worldwide, providing heritage/ native students with valuable skills for success in an interconnected world.



Cardinal Valley Elementary

Dual Language Immersion

Spanish - English



DLI Program

Elementary



Cardinal Valley Elementary*

Middle School



Bryan Station Middle School

High School



Bryan Station High School

What to expect?

In the DLI Program, students receive instruction in all subjects in both English and Spanish, following a schedule where they alternate between languages. With a focus on language growth, students achieve academically while gaining proficiency in both languages.

At the end of elementary school, students in our DLI program are able to engage in conversations and express ideas on academic content and familiar topics in both languages. Students can read, comprehend and produce written and spoken language using connected sentences. This provides the foundation for their path to biliteracy.



What is expected of parents?

Parents who desire to enroll their child in this program must commit to:

- making a long-term enrollment commitment to remain in the program (K-12)
- developing an understanding of immersion education
- encouraging the use of English and Spanish outside of school including reading, speaking, listening, and writing

Who can participate?

The Cardinal Valley DLI program is for students with Spanish as their home language.

Parents seeking to enroll their children in dual language immersion program must meet specific requirements depending on the grade level.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade:

- Complete interest form
- Enrollment is first come first serve. Subject to space availability

2nd to 5th Grade:

- Meet benchmark levels on a Spanish literacy assessment
- Enrollment subject to space availability

How do I apply?

To apply for participation in the DLI Program, parents must complete an interest form either during their student's kindergarten registration or when requesting to transfer students to Cardinal Valley.

How do I learn more about DLI?

For more information about the DLI Program, visit

- www.fcps.net/DLI or contact Cardinal Valley at **859-422-3340**
- www.facebook.com/cardinalvalley

The DLI program extends from kindergarten to 12th grade, with the university-level dual credit courses offered in grades 10th-12th.

Transportation for students is provided to and from school.