

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF OUR DLI PROGRAM?

TMISD's Dual Language Immersion Program is committed to empowering students to become "future ready" global citizens. TMISD's Dual Language Program provides the opportunity for students to:

- Become fully biliterate by 5th grade.
- Mitigate any learning gaps for Emergent Bilingual Students
- Capitalize on student collaboration to acquire a second language.
- Be prepared for the future.



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TULOSO-MIDWAY ISD DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM

Tuloso-Midway Primary





WHAT IS A DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM?

Dual Language Immersion is an educational model in which children learn to think, read, write, and speak in two languages. The benefits of Dual Language programs include:

- Students acquire the ability to use both languages in oral and written form, eventually reaching native-like proficiency in both languages. The bilingual brain is a flexible and resilient one!
- Dual language closes achievement gaps by the late elementary years, with bilingual students consistently outperforming monolingual students.
- As part of their educational journey, students develop an appreciation for and deep understanding of diverse cultures. Differences are seen as opportunities to connect rather than obstacles to overcome.
- Proficiency in a second language and strong intercultural competency skills open future employment possibilities in the global arena.

WHAT IS TMISD'S DLI PROGRAM FRAMEWORK?

- Spanish and English are the primary languages of study.
- Priority will be given to student's whose primary language is not English.
- The 2023-2024 school year will include PK-1st grade students as the initial cohort of DLI students.
- Additional grade levels will be added each year.
- PK: utilize a one-way model where all Spanish speaking students are learning English.
- KG-5th Grades: utilize a two-way model where Spanish speakers are learning English and English speakers will learn Spanish and instruction will be 50:50 Spanish and English.



WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS FOR PARENTS?

- Commit to K-5 participation in the program.
- Develop an understanding of language immersion education.
- Partner with your child's teacher each year to understand and support your child's unique learning needs.
- Read with your child 20-30 minutes per day.
- Encourage the use of Spanish outside of school.
- Celebrate your child's hard work!

KEY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT DLI.

- Students learn through collaboration with their peers to acquire a second language.
- Equity for all students is a key component of DLI.
- Teachers will be trained and supported through the implementation of DLI with Gomez and Gomez (the leaders in Dual Language Implementation).
- Reading Language Arts instruction will be provided in the students native language through 1st grade.
- Math will be taught in English.
- Science and Social studies will be taught using a 50/50 ratio of Spanish and English