BENEFITS OF THE 45 MIN LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

- Higher Academic Achievement
- Builds Confidence
- Improved Social Skills
- Development in metalinguistic skills

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Cross-Linguistic Connections in the Dual Language Immersion Classroom

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WHAT IS THE 45 MIN LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT BLOCK?

A major initiative for implementing of the Dual Language Program in ECISD with fidelity is establishing and adhering to a schedule that allows for Cross-linguistic Connection and Metalinguistic Analysis or the bridge. The Language Development block is a crucial component of the Dual Language Immersion schedule in ECISD.

WHAT IS A CROSS-LINGUISTIC CONNECTION?

Engaging students in discussion about both languages side-by-side. Enabling students to understand that bilingualism does not consist of two separate language systems, but an intersection of two or more languages within the mind of the individual.

FRAMEWORK

The Bridge & Metalinguistic Analysis		
Spanish	**The Bridge**	**English**
Literacy and content area concepts are developed in depth Academic language is developed	Places the languages side-by-side. Focuses on metalinguistic skills through the contrastive analysis of language.	Builds on skills learned in Spanish. Extends literacy into English. Develops all four language domains: listening, speaking. reading and writing.

TRANSLANGUAGING

LANGUAGE TRANSFER			
Use both languages strategically planned			
Phonology	**Morphology**	**Syntax**	**Grammar**
Focus on sounds. The students of the patterns of sounds in a language and across languages.	Focus on word parts. The study of the meaningful parts of words; base words, root, words, prefixes, suffixes.	Internal structure of sentences in a language.	The entire system and structure of a language.