



Mission and Vision

Empowering students to achieve bilingual proficiency, sociocultural competence, and academic excellence while preserving cultural heritage and building a community where every learning feels valued.

Envisioning a world where every language and culture is celebrated, where unity and belonging inspire every learner to reach their full potential.

"We look to center our work on the outcome of creating BSD graduates who are College and Career Ready."

-Office of the Superintendent



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BETHEL SCHOOLS DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM



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Benefits of Dual Language Immersion

"Being bilingual and biliterate has shaped my identity in both English and Spanish." –Student

"It's opened doors to new opportunities I never imagined." –Student

"At home and at school, I get to navigate two languages – and that gives me more options for the future." –Student

"In the classroom, I see students growing confidence as they develop literacy in both languages." –Teacher

"We're not just teaching Spanish – we're helping students dream big across both English and Spanish worlds." –Teacher

Assessment of New Incoming Students

New students entering the Dual Language program beyond 1st grade will undergo an evaluation of their Spanish proficiency using the ENIL assessment tool. In addition to this, students will participate in an interview conducted by Dual Language staff, which will include a series of questions designed to further assess language skills and proficiency.

Enrollment

Enrollment is available at Thompson Elementary, Spanaway Middle School, and Spanaway Lake High School. Priority is given to qualified Multilingual Learners within school boundaries, with additional space offered to other applicants based on availability and Spanish language proficiency.

The Dual Language Program provides students with a rigorous and enriching educational experience that promotes academic excellence, bilingualism, and cross-cultural understanding. Students develop high levels of proficiency in both Spanish and English while gaining the multicultural competence needed to succeed in a global society.

Program Type and Model

Thompson Elementary, Spanaway Middle School, and Spanaway Lake High School proudly offer a Two-Way Dual Language Program in English and Spanish, using the 80/20 model. Students begin with 80% of instruction in Spanish and 20% in English, gradually reaching a 50/50 balance. The program supports both Spanish and English speakers, building bilingualism, biliteracy, and cultural competence while promoting academic excellence. This TK-10 pathway prepares students for success in a multilingual, globally connected world.

Learn more at
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