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# Dual Language Program

Preparing future leaders for the global community

**With fluency in a second language, your child's opportunities are endless.**

Students can begin our dual language program in kindergarten and continue through fifth grade. They not only develop proficiency in Spanish or Mandarin by the end of elementary school, but they also develop the skills to succeed in a traditional non-immersion classroom. Researchers have demonstrated that there are cognitive advantages of bilingualism, particularly on tasks measuring cognitive flexibility and selective attention.<sup>1</sup>

## Curriculum

Our program delivers high quality education with a complete academic foundation through which your child will learn another language.

- All dual language students will learn the same state-approved standards as other schools.
- Students will be prepared to achieve and to perform well on state assessments, which are administered in English.

Research shows dual language students **outperform native English speaking classmates on standardized tests.**<sup>2</sup> Being literate in two or more languages provides a comprehensive **advantage to succeed in a global marketplace.**

<sup>1</sup>Barac & Bialystok, 2012, <sup>2</sup>Thomas and Collier, 2012

## What is dual language learning?

Language learning programs are exciting options for parents who want their children to experience a rigorous academic program while also learning two languages—English and a target language. For example, in a Spanish dual language program, Spanish is not a subject; Spanish is the language in which instruction is delivered.



## Advantages as a dual language student

**Bilingual and biliterate:** Dual language students achieve high proficiency in the target language.

**Increased cultural understanding:** Dual language students learn a philosophy of respecting and celebrating differences.

**Enhanced cognitive skills:** Dual language students typically develop greater cognitive flexibility, showing increased memory, superior problem-solving skills, and better attention control as well as an enhanced understanding of their primary language.

**Improved self-esteem:** Being able to communicate and excel academically in two languages gives dual language students greater self-esteem and sense of accomplishment.

**Proven performance on standardized tests:** Dual language students show great gains and increased performance on standardized tests in reading and math.

**Preparation for a global society and marketplace:** Dual language students are better prepared to become leaders in an interconnected world and to succeed in future careers.



“This is a terrific program and a wonderful opportunity for the children. The biggest benefit is not simply the acquisition of a second language but the use of higher-order thinking skills.”

— Janet Mayers, Elon Elementary School parent



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Since 1987, Participate Learning has partnered with schools and districts to prepare students for career success through cultural exchange, dual language programs, and global learning. We help students build bilingual fluency, problem solving, and critical thinking skills to apply their learning in real-world settings and any career path.