

Spanish Language Immersion Program

The world is theirs for the taking.

WHAT IS LANGUAGE IMMERSION?

Language immersion programs are an exciting option for parents who want their children to have the advantages of a rigorous academic program while also learning two languages – English and a target language. In a Spanish immersion program, Spanish is not taught as a subject; Spanish is the language in which instruction is delivered.

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

Elementary language immersion starts at kindergarten and continues through the fifth grade. Not only will children be proficient in Spanish at the end of elementary school, they will also be fully prepared to succeed in a traditional non-immersion classroom. In fact, research indicates that children who acquire a second language are better able to problem-solve and think creatively.

> **"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."**
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> —Janet Mayers and Alan Moran, Elon Elementary school parents

CURRICULUM

Along with learning another language, your child will receive a complete academic foundation grounded in instructional excellence.

- All Spanish Immersion students will be taught the same North Carolina state standards as other schools.
- The curriculum will prepare students to achieve and to perform well on state assessments, which are administered in English.

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Participate builds global education programs that prepare students for success in an interconnected world. Participate's professional development and curriculum, language acquisition and teacher exchange programs generate engaging learning environments where students excel in core curriculum.

Language immersion students perform as well or better than non-immersion students in math, science, social studies and language arts.*

GIVE YOUR CHILD A GLOBAL COMPETITIVE EDGE THROUGH THE BENEFITS OF AN IMMERSION PROGRAM:

- **Bilingual and biliterate:** Students achieve high proficiency in the immersion language.
- **Increased cultural sensitivity:** Immersion students are more aware of and show more positive attitudes towards other cultures and an appreciation of other people.
- **Enhanced cognitive skills:** Immersion students typically develop greater cognitive flexibility, demonstrating 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 immersion students greater self-esteem and sense of accomplishment.
- **Proven performance on standardized tests:** Immersion students perform as well or better than non-immersion students on standardized tests in English.
- **Preparation for a global society and marketplace:** Immersion students are better prepared for the global community and job markets where 21st century skills are an asset.

*Holobow et al., 1987; Swain and Lapkin, 1991



DID YOU KNOW?

- Knowing how to speak a second language will make it easier to learn a third language.
- Using language in a variety of subjects increases the students' flexibility with the language.
- English speakers, despite learning through two languages, excel in their native English, scoring higher than peers studying only in English.
- Many large worldwide companies will not even consider a potential employee for a job unless they are able to communicate with ease in at least two languages.

Nearly 40 years of research has shown that immersion students score significantly better on standardized tests than non-immersion students.



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