

Southwood Elementary School

"Helping Kids Succeed, No Exceptions, No Excuses!"

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Beginning in 2016-2017 Southwood Elementary began offering a Spanish Immersion program for Kindergarten students. The program will be offered again for the 2024-2025 school year. Students that are in the program beginning in kindergarten will travel with the program through their elementary career. Our goal for the Spanish Immersion program is to grow students academically and help them become globally and culturally connected.

Year after year, language immersion students perform at a high level of achievement in math, science, social studies and language arts, and they are bilingual. Language immersion programs are exciting options for parents who want their children to have the advantages of a **rigorous** K-5 academic program while becoming proficient in two languages-English and a target language. Research shows that immersion education students outperform students in traditional language classes, do as well as or better than non-immersion students on standardized tests, and have a greater appreciation of cultural diversity.

The focus of language immersion programs is to help students become proficient in a target language while mastering subject content from other disciplines. In immersion programs language is not taught as a subject; it is the medium in which core instruction is delivered. Research shows that the most effective way for children to acquire a second language is to integrate language instruction into the standard curriculum children are already learning.

Selection Process-The Lottery

Beginning February 1st, we will be accepting applications for the program. Students will be selected through the lottery from all completed applications received by **June 7, 2024**. Spanish Immersion Enrollment Form is attached and can be located on our website. If a student is not selected, he/she will be placed on the waiting list and will be placed in a regular English classroom. For applications received after **June 7, 2024** students will be placed on the waiting list in the order they are received.

★ You will be notified of the results of the lottery by letter no later than **June 17, 2024**.

Thank you for your interest in our program and we look forward to partnering together to provide your child an excellent education at Southwood Elementary School.

Serving Students and Their Families,

Anna Ruth Crouse
Principal