Camarena Elementary School

Dual Language Immersion Program
Parent Longevity Commitment

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Home Language: _____ Does your **child** speak any other language? _____

Is your child currently receiving any special services? (speech, adaptive PE, reading, etc.)
No ____ Yes ____ If yes, please explain: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Phone Number(s): _____ (hm)
Home address: _____ _____(wk)
_____ _____ (cell)
Email address: _____

The benefits of this enriched education program are cumulative and require long-term commitment.

While the rate at which specific levels of language proficiency are attained will vary among students, parents should expect delays in the initial stages of reading & writing in English as students will be immersed in the learning of academic Spanish for the first 3 years of the program.

However, studies have shown that by the upper grades (5th and 6th grade) students in immersion programs acquire the same proficiency in English and achieve the same levels of competency in their academic subjects as monolingual students, ***with the added bonus of a second language and meta-linguistic awareness*** (Cloud, Genesee, & Hamayan 2000).

It is important that parents fully understand the model and structure of the program. Please contact Camarena with any questions you may have.

Please read and initial the following:

____ Yes, I have read Camarena's Dual Language Immersion Handbook.

____ Yes, I am aware of, and I understand, the long-term commitment necessary in order to realize the full benefits of the program.

____ Yes, I am aware that the target language is Spanish and that a progression of foundational skills will be taught for reading and writing in English.

____ Yes, I understand that I can continue to read to my child at home in English.

____ Yes, I am aware that continuous parental support is necessary for my child's success.

____ Yes, I understand that daily attendance in school is of the utmost importance for my child to become bilingual and academically successful.

Parent signature : _____ Date: _____