Hawthorne School District

Language Programs and Language Acquisition Program

Hawthorne School District offers language programs designed to help every student succeed academically while building strong language skills.

Structured English Immersion (SEI) Classes are taught primarily in English, with extra support to help students learn English while staying on track with grade-level subjects. Placements are based on your child's English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) scores:

Structured English Immersion (SEI) Emerging: For students scoring "minimally developed" on the ELPAC. Taught overwhelmingly in English, with primary language assistance provided as needed and available.

Structured English Immersion (SEI) Expanding: For students scoring from "developed" up to below the mid-range of "moderately developed". Provides grade-level instruction paired with dedicated English Language Development (ELD).

Structured English Immersion (SEI) Bridging: For students scoring above the mid-range of "moderately developed" up to "well-developed". Focuses on advanced language skills while completing grade-level core subjects.

Two-Way Bilingual Immersion (TWBI) K-6:

- Open to both native English speakers and native Spanish speakers.
- Kindergarten instruction begins mostly in Spanish, gradually increasing English each year until time is split 50/50.
- Core academic subjects are taught in Spanish, while English Language Development (ELD) is taught in English.
- Taught by specially trained teachers using district-adopted materials to help students become bilingual and reclassified as fluent English proficient.

Language Programs (For Non-English Learners)

- Provides students who are already fluent in English the opportunity to learn and gain proficiency in a second language.

Parent Rights & Choice

- **Choose a Program:** You have the right to select the language acquisition program that best suits your child.
- **Request a New Program:** If parents of 20 or more students in a single grade, or 30 or more students across a school, request a specific language program, the district must offer it to the extent possible.
- **Give Feedback:** Parents can share input on language programs during the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) process.

How to Enroll or Learn More

- If you would like to inquire about the process for requesting a new language program, discuss program options, or enroll, contact the **English Learner Special Projects** teacher at your child's school.