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International Spanish Academies

The SVUSD Dual Language Immersion program is a member of the International Spanish Academies (ISA), which has developed a quality English-Spanish educational program through a network of selected schools in order to promote the study of the Spanish language and culture. ISA programs have signed a cooperation agreement with the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training of Spain.

Benefits of the International Spanish Academies

- Support from the Spanish Consulate
- Materials/Resources
- Seminars
- Student Recognition
- DELE – Spanish Assessment

We are proud of our partnership with the Consulate of Spain.

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Recipient of the Seal of Excellence Award from CABE

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California Association for Bilingual Education

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the benefits of my child participating in the program through twelfth grade?

Your child will be bilingual/bi-literate, have taken two AP Spanish courses that can be applied for college credit, have an opportunity to earn an additional diploma from ISA, receive special recognition from SVUSD, and indicate on the UC/CSU college application of their participation in the Dual Language Immersion Program.

Can my child start in the Dual Language Immersion Program at any time?

Students in transitional kindergarten(TK), kindergarten, and first grade are admitted into the program through a priority system. English speakers may enter into first grade up to the end of the first trimester depending on space availability. Spanish-speaking students and bilingual students may be admitted at any grade level based on Spanish assessment results.

Does having my child in a Dual Language Immersion program slow down their academic progress?

Research in this area indicates that learning in two or more languages enhances academic growth. Students receive the maximum benefit the longer they are enrolled in the program.

Can I still read to my child even though I do not speak Spanish?

Yes, we encourage you to read to your child in the language you speak at home.

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Dual Language Immersion Program

SVUSD DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION
Est. 1991
SPANISH · ENGLISH · BILINGUAL · BILITERATE

Olivewood Elementary School
(Transitional Kindergarten and DLI Preschool)
Lake Forest, CA 92630
949-837-6682

Gates Elementary School
Lake Forest, CA 92630
949-837-2260

Los Alisos Intermediate School
Mission Viejo, CA 92691
949-830-9700

Laguna Hills High School
Laguna Hills, CA 92653
949-770-5447

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Overview

The multi-award winning SVUSD Dual Language Immersion program is designed to provide English speaking and Spanish speaking students an exciting, enriching, and challenging educational opportunity for 21st-century learning. Students will learn to collaborate, communicate and think critically in all academic content areas in both Spanish and English. By the end of twelfth grade, students will have obtained the bilingual skills and multi-cultural competencies needed to succeed in our global society and economy.



Goals and Benefits

- Develop high levels of proficiency in English and Spanish.
- Ensure academic excellence in the two languages as outlined in the Common Core State Standards.
- Cultivate an understanding and appreciation of other cultures, and strengthen positive connections among students, families, and the greater global community.
- Develop flexibility in thinking through problem solving, conceptualizing, and reasoning in two languages.
- Empower parents to actively participate in their child's education.

Program Model

The Dual Language Immersion Program is a challenging and rigorous academic program in which Spanish is used as the primary language of instruction in the younger grades.

The optimal classroom population is half native English-speaking students and half native Spanish-speaking students. SVUSD implements a 90/10 immersion model in which transitional kindergarten (TK), kindergarten, and first grade students receive 90% of daily instruction in Spanish and 10% in English.

The percentage of English instruction increases as seen below:

Olivewood and Gates Elementary

Grade	Spanish	English
TK*, Kinder & First	90%	10%
Second	80%	20%
Third	70%	30%
Fourth	60%	40%
Fifth & Sixth	50%	50%

*Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and DLI Preschool offered only at Olivewood

Los Alisos and Laguna Hills H.S.

Grade	Subjects taught in Spanish
Seventh	Spanish 1 DLI Integrated Science
Eighth	Spanish 2 DLI US History
Ninth	Spanish 3 DLI Bio Living Earth
Tenth	AP Spanish Language 4 World History
Eleventh	Spanish Literature 4
Twelfth	AP Spanish Literature 5

Parent participation is an integral part of the Dual Language Immersion program. Parents are encouraged to volunteer in the classroom and work with their children at home. Advocates for Language Learning (A.L.L.) is a non-profit organization of parents who support this SVUSD program. A.L.L. plans and sponsors cultural events, homework help at the elementary level, recognition events, and other services designed to help students succeed and enhance the educational experience for our children.

For more information email us at:
www.allsvusd.org

Please call the Office of Language Acquisition if you have any questions.
949-580-3347

In addition, we offer **DLI Preschool** classes in the interactive **Learning Link** center at **Olivewood** for children 3-5 years old. For more information, please contact: 949-580-3376