

DISCOVER OUR

DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM

IN THE DLI PROGRAM, 50% OF THE STUDENTS ARE ENGLISH SPEAKING AND 50% ARE SPANISH SPEAKING. STUDENTS WORK TOGETHER TO LEARN TO SPEAK, READ, WRITE AND UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER'S LANGUAGE.



WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION?

The three major goals for the program are:

- **Bilingualism and biliteracy:** Development of high levels of proficiency in both English and Spanish
- **Academic achievement:** High levels of academic performance in two languages
- **Multiculturalism:** Increased understanding of other cultures and ability to successfully participate in a global society.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS FOR MY CHILD?

Children in the DLI program have the opportunity to:

- Achieve at higher academic levels and access more future educational and job opportunities.
- Learn to speak, read and write in both English and Spanish.
- Foster a deeper appreciation of other cultures and diversity.
- Better performance on tasks requiring divergent thinking, pattern recognition and problem solving.
- Learn from DLI program teachers who are specially credentialed and trained to teach in both English and Spanish.
- **English speaking students** will have maximum exposure to Spanish in the primary grades when the brain is most receptive to learning a new language.
- **Spanish speaking students** will build a strong base in Spanish and gain success as they learn English **and** gain an appreciation of their own Latino culture, gain stronger self esteem, and preserve a connection to the family's native tongue and communication across generations within the family.
- **Dual language students** will have all of these benefits!

WHAT GRADES PARTICIPATE IN DLI?

DLI is offered at Robla Preschool for 3-4 year olds, Bell Avenue Elementary School for transitional kindergarten (TK) students, and starting in kindergarten at Glenwood Elementary School. At Glenwood Elementary, students need to start in kindergarten and remain committed through sixth grade in order to gain the maximum benefits from participation. This is an important commitment on the part of the family. **Students attending any school in Robla School District may apply for the DLI program.**

DO PARENTS NEED TO KNOW SPANISH FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE?

Parents do not need to know or understand Spanish for their children to participate. We provide resources that students and families will need to help them be successful.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE INFORMATION AND APPLY?

1- Visit www.robla.k12.ca.us/DLI/ to learn more information about the program and to download the application.

2-TK-6 parents-attend an upcoming parent information meeting* where you'll hear from parents of current DLI students and meet teachers and students participating in the program:

Thursday, March 9, 5-6 p.m.

Thursday, March 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 24, 8-9 a.m or 5-6 p.m.

All parent information meetings will be held in the Multipurpose Room at Glenwood Elementary School (201 Jessie Drive, Sacramento)

*For families that are new to the DLI program-families with a current DLI student are not required to attend.