

KINDERGARTEN DUAL IMMERSION PROGRAM



PRESENTATION FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

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Program Model



90:10 Model Optimal for Kindergarten Students

- 90/10 model has optimal language exposure and learning to the target language, Spanish
- 50/50 model doesn't facilitate command of Spanish in lower grades
- 4.5 days per week (or 90% of daily instructional minutes) in Spanish
 - 80:20 in grade 1
 - 80:20 in grade 2
 - 70:30 in grade 3
 - 60:40 in grade 4
 - 50:50 in grade 5

Student Eligibility Criteria



- ❧ Lottery participation is open to all kindergarten students eligible to attend Burbank elementary schools. *Burbank residents have priority and are placed first.*
- ❧ Siblings of current program students have additional priority and are placed first.
- ❧ Students with varying needs and abilities may participate in this program.
- ❧ Parents expected to make a multi-year commitment (*at least through the elementary grades*), for students to have necessary time frame to develop both bi-literacy and bilingual skills.
- ❧ Students eligible must turn five on or before September 1, 2022 to participate in a California kindergarten program. TK is not offered.

Selection of Students



❧ ***Classes to be Formed by March 2022 (for August 15, 2022 start)***

- Optimal ratio = 50% native Spanish and 50% native English speakers
- With 24 as cap, target is 12 from each group (English/Spanish)
- If “even halves” cannot be achieved, more may be added from the other group (*use 2/3 max, as rule*)
- If students leave the program, space would become available for students on a waiting list through the end of first semester
- Students to be selected by lottery on March 7, 2022. *Burbank residents would get first priority*
- Wait list would be established immediately subsequent to lottery. *On the wait list, Burbank residents still have priority placement*

The Application Process



How to Apply:

- Register online for your home school beginning January 24, 2022.
- Complete the Dual Immersion Program application, which will be available on the BUSD Dual Immersion website on January 24, 2022.
- **Both the Dual Immersion application and the online registration/ completed registration at school of residence are required for consideration in the Dual Immersion program. The deadline is Friday, March 4, 2022 and the lottery will be held the following Monday on March 7th.**

** Students whose parents classify them as bilingual will need to participate in a short oral assessment to determine level of bilingual abilities. Parents of these students will be notified of time slots for this assessment in January/February 2022.*

The Lottery



How it Will Work:

- Lottery will be held on March 7, 2022 at the District Office (Instructional Services Department). PTA parent rep and/or DELAC parent rep will assist with the drawing.
- Students' names from each language group are assigned a number. The numbers are placed in a box, then shuffled by one PTA representative and/or one DELAC representative. The process is repeated for the other group.

Note:

- ❖ Siblings of current program students do not participate in the lottery as they are added to the list automatically once the parents inform instructional services of their desire to have the sibling participate in the program.
- ❖ *If there are fewer applicants than the available open slots for either part of class composition, a lottery will not be held for that group. Those students will be placed in the class after placement of siblings.*

Notification



- ❑ Families have 24 hours after being notified to make a final decision about either attending the dual immersion program, or electing to attend their regular neighborhood Kindergarten class, if selected in the lottery.
- ❑ For those families whose children were not selected, students will be placed on a waitlist in the order they were picked in the lottery and parents will be notified if an opening in the Dual Immersion Program should become available for the 2022-2023 school year through the end of the first semester.
- ❑ For Kindergarten, inter-district transfer applicants will be placed in the program if there are spaces available after Burbank residents have been placed.

Program Hours



- Plan for 5 hour day
 - 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Disney
 - 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - McKinley
- Program requires more time in order to get full benefit of both languages
- Students stay at school for lunch
- Fee-based childcare will be available

Classroom Support



3 Hour Classroom Assistant (Kindergarten – 3rd grade)

- Are bilingual and bi-literate (English/Spanish)
- Work under direction of classroom teacher to provide assistance to individual students and small groups

Parent Volunteers (very important)

- Highly encouraged
- Lots of ways to help (one time, or on an ongoing basis)
- Bilingualism not a criteria for volunteering!

Timeline for Parents

<u>Activity / Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Parent Informational Zoom Meeting	January 20, 2022
Application Available online at www.burbankusd.org	January 24, 2022
School Registration Begins - Online	January 24, 2022
Deadline for submitting the application for dual immersion	March 4, 2022
Lottery Held	March 7, 2022
Parents Notified of Selection by Telephone	Starting March 8, 2022
Dual Immersion Orientation Meeting for Students and Parents at School Sites	August 2022
First Day of School	August 15, 2022

Questions or Concerns



☞ Please feel free to contact Peter Knapik, Ed.D., who will be managing this program. He can be reached at (818) 729-4482 or via email at: peterknapik@burbankusd.org

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