

KINDERGARTEN DUAL IMMERSION PROGRAM



PRESENTATION FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

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Program Development

***CRITICAL FACTORS
CONSIDERED***

Language Selection



Spanish

- Most numerically significant English Learner (EL) subgroup in BUSD
- Target language requested by most parents
- Has the most resources and professional development opportunities for staff
- Largest pool of highly-qualified, current BUSD teachers
- Natural progression to middle school and high school

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.*
- ❧ Siblings of current program students have additional priority.
- ❧ 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*), in order 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, 2020 to participate in a California kindergarten program. TK students are not eligible for this program until next year.

Selection of Students



🌀 ***Class to be Formed by March 2020 (for August 17 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 February 25, 2020. *Burbank residents would get first priority*
- Wait list would be established immediately subsequent to lottery. *On wait list, Burbank residents still have priority placement*

The Application Process



How to Apply:

- Register online for your home school beginning January 27, 2020.
- Complete the Dual Immersion Program application, which will be available on the BUSD web site and in the Instructional Services Office (1900 W. Olive Avenue, 3rd Floor) starting on January 24, 2020.
- **Both the Dual Immersion application and the online registration/completed registration at school site are required for consideration in the Dual Immersion program and the lottery held on February 25, 2020.**

** Students whose parents classify them as bilingual will need to participate in a short assessment process to determine level of bilingual abilities. Parents of these students will be notified of time slots for this assessment in January/February 2020.*

The Lottery



How it Will Work:

- Lottery will be held on February 25, 2020 at the District Office (Instructional Services Department). PTA parent rep and/or ELAC parent rep will assist with the drawing.
- Students' names (from each group of E.O.'s or bilingual/EL's) are assigned a number. The numbers are placed in a box, then shuffled by one PTA representative and/or one ELAC representative. The process is repeated for the other group. Siblings of current program students do not participate in the lottery.

Note: If there are less 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 wait list 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 2020-2021 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.

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!

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

Timeline for Parents

<u>Activity / Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Parent Information Evening Event	January 23, 2020
Application Process Begins	January 24, 2020
School Registration Begins - Online	January 27, 2020
Lottery Held	February 25, 2020
Parents Notified of Selection by Telephone	Starting February 27, 2020
Dual Immersion Orientation Meeting for Students and Parents at School Sites	August 2020
First Day of School	August 17, 2020

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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