

Spanish Immersion Program

Offering children the gift of a second language

The Brandywine School District is proud to offer a Spanish Language Immersion Program in the 2019-2020 school year at three elementary schools: Claymont, Lancashire, and Maple Lane Elementary Schools. This program will provide some of our youngest learners with an exciting opportunity to learn and engage in two languages and cultures - English and Spanish - during the school day.

We are currently registering students who will enter kindergarten in those three schools in September 2019. Ultimately, the program will provide a continuous K-12 Immersion pathway.



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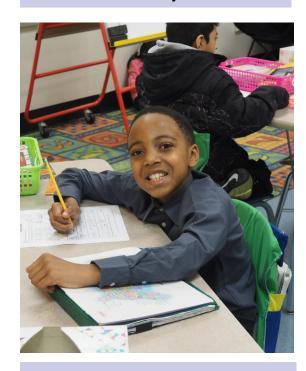
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Dual Language Instruction for Elementary Students



Enrolling kindergarten students at Claymont, Lancashire, and Maple Lane Elementary Schools for the 2019-2020 school year

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WHY IMMERSION?

Dual language immersion programs help students attain high levels of proficiency in a second language. Young children in particular thrive in this type of environment and are more adept at language acquisition.

WHY SPANISH?

In addition to being the second most widely spoken language in the United States, Spanish is an important language in the global business community. Fluency in Spanish opens doors to many career opportunities in the U.S. and abroad.



standing of their primary language.

BENEFITS OF IMMERSION

Second Language Skills

Students in an immersion program can be expected to achieve a high level of proficiency in the second language.

Improved Academic Performance

Exposing students to language at a young age helps promote intellectual development. Children who participate in immersion programs perform as well as or better than their peers on achievement tests in English and math.

Cognitive Development

Dual language students typically develop increased attention control, memory, and superior problem-solving skills. In addition, learning a second language can enhance students' under-

Cultural Sensitivity

Students in immersion programs are more aware of and show more positive attitudes toward other cultures, enabling them to

interact effectively with people of different backgrounds, ethnicities, beliefs, and interests.

Long-Term Benefits

Later in life, immersion students are better prepared for the global community and job markets where knowledge of a second language is an asset.

HOW DOES IMMERSION WORK?

Dual language immersion offers a rich bilingual experience for young learners. Immersion classrooms follow the same curriculum in all content

areas (reading, writing, math, science, and social studies) as all other classrooms and use many of the same materials.

Two teachers instruct students in this program - one for half the day in English, and the other for half the day in Spanish. In the Spanish-speaking classroom, the teacher speaks entirely in Spanish and use a range of strategies including pictures, songs, games, body language, facial expressions, and more.

they will have a pathway toward advancedlevel proficiency in Spanish. By ninth grade, immersion students will be prepared to take the AP Spanish exam and then participate in dual-enrollment or dual-credit classes with local universities, possibly earning college credits while still in high school.

As students progress from grade to grade,

WHAT DO PARENTS NEED TO DO?

- Commit to long-term participation in the immersion program
- Read with your child for 20-30 minutes every day in English
- Encourage your child to use Spanish outside of school
- Attend parent meetings throughout the year

HOW TO ENROLL

Contact Claymont, Lancashire, Maple Lane, or District Office at the numbers listed on the back of this brochure. Children must be five years old by August 31, 2019 in order to enroll in kindergarten.