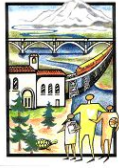


¡LISTO! Dual Immersion

Parent Understanding and Commitment Form

Dual Immersion is a rich, challenging academic program. In order to ensure that every student who enters the program has a high probability of success, we would like to ensure that parents fully understand the commitments for the program, please review the following statements:

1. I understand that in the Dual immersion program the primary language of instruction is Spanish from kindergarten to 3rd grade. The program shifts in the upper grades, with more instruction in English in preparation for middle school.
2. I understand that for the first few weeks my child may not understand what the teacher is saying and this could cause some frustration and stress. I believe my child will be able to cope with this situation.
3. I understand that the Dual Immersion program is designed for a six-year period and removing my child from the program, particularly in the earlier years (grades 1-3) could require supplementary tutoring for my child to transition successfully into an English program.
4. I understand that strong native language skills are an excellent predictor of success in an immersion program. My child has not had difficulties with language development and I believe that my child has strong native language skills.
5. I understand parent involvement is highly correlated with success at school. I will support my child academically, even if I don't speak or understand Spanish, by showing interest in school, assuring that homework is completed, reading together, and communicating with the teacher.
6. I understand that the more exposure my child has to Spanish the faster language is acquired. I will seek opportunities outside school to provide further Spanish language exposure to my child, through books, events, arranging cross-language play opportunities etc.
7. I understand that the students in the Dual Immersion are held to the same academic standards and will be required to do the same state testing as any other child in the our district.
8. I understand that even if I don't speak Spanish, demonstrating a supportive attitude of interest and enthusiasm for Spanish language and culture will have an important influence on my child's interest and success. It is important that both parents agree to support entry into the Dual Immersion program.
9. I understand that parent involvement is one of the strengths of the Dual Immersion program. I and/or a family member will be actively involved at the ¡LISTO! Magnet Program through classroom volunteering, projects, committees or organizations, such as the PClub (Parent Club) or ELAC/DELAC (English Learner Advisory Committee).



iLISTO! Dual Immersion Parent Understanding and Commitment Form

I have read and understand the Dual Immersion Parent Commitment Form, and am willing to fulfill all of the requirements described and wish to have my child's name entered into the Dual Immersion Program.

(We ask that both parents sign this form, if possible. One signature is required.)

Name of child

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

X

Signature

Date

X

Signature

Date