

Is Dual Immersion a Good Fit for Your Child and Your Family?

Our goal is to produce culturally sensitive bilingual, biliterate citizens who can compete in our complex global economy.

Our program is based on two-way CAFE* in which students initially receive 90% of their instruction in the chosen target language and gradually achieve a 50/50 balance with English by the upper grades.

A priority of the program is to enroll an equal number of English-speaking and Spanish-speaking students. This model allows students to provide peer support in both languages and seeks to create connections across language/cultural divides.

Because results for dual immersion become more apparent and more impressive as the students move into the upper grades; and to ensure a quality educational experience for your children as well as their classroom peers, our program will request a solid six-year commitment from families in order to make our dual immersion experience a success.

* Two-way CAFE (California Association of Bilingual Education) provides an opportunity for each group to develop linguistic and academic competence in two languages. Both groups of students experience an “additive” second language in which they study both their native language and learn a new one. No child’s language is replaced by a second language (two-way CAFE website- www.bilingualeducation.org/2waycafe/).