

DOS ALAS TWO-WAY IMMERSION PROGRAM AT DE LAVEAGA ELEMENTARY

Two languages Opens Two Worlds - Dos idiomas abre dos mundos

Program Model: 90/10

In kindergarten 90% of instruction is in Spanish, and 10% in English. As the program expands, each grade level receives 10 % more instruction in English, until fifth grade, where 50% of instruction is in each language. We strive to provide a learning environment where 50% of language models speak one language and 50% speak the other.



Program Goals

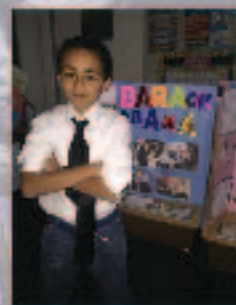
Bilingualism: High levels of oral language proficiency in English and Spanish.
Biliteracy: High levels of academic proficiency in English and Spanish.
Multicultural Proficiency: Understanding of different cultures and holding of different cultures in high esteem

In the classroom

Students learn to speak, read, and write in Spanish and in English. Both languages are used for instruction, and both have equal status. All students have the opportunity to be both: first language models and second language learners.

What are the benefits?

Additive Bilingualism
High Academic Achievement
Increased job opportunities for many careers
Promotes critical and creative thinking
Potential for students to fulfill language requirements for high school and university
Attainment of Seal of Biliteracy on High School Diploma



Our program's Community

We believe our student's successes are due greatly in part to the bonds we create and activities & memories we build with our families.

Beyond Elementary

Students who have participated in our Two Way Immersion program k-5 have also continued with a TWI Spanish language class in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades at the local middle school. Many have received Biliteracy Awards at the primary level, Bilingual Service Awards in middle school, and have been able to take higher level Spanish classes like AP Spanish or Spanish for Spanish Speakers at the High School level, where the Seal of Biliteracy is awarded.

