

FAQ

Q.What are the benefits of knowing a second language?

Many children derive benefits from early second language instruction, such as improved overall school performance, superior problem-solving skills, more creativity and an improved approach to complex matters. Furthermore, learning a second language, like learning anything is a fantastic opportunity to keep young 'sponge-like' brains active and stimulated, setting a good habit for later life.

Q.What is the best age to introduce a child to a second language?

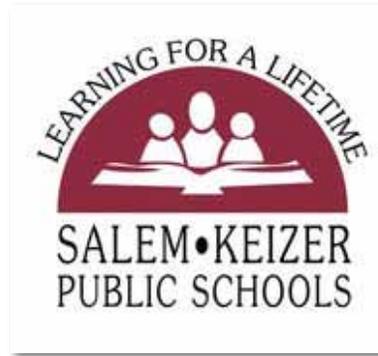
The earlier a child learns a new language, the better. Studies have shown that children, who learn another language in the elementary years, learn with the same part of the brain that they use to speak their mother tongue. Younger children are without inhibitions and so will speak naturally and with native-like pronunciation.

Q.Will a second language interfere with my child's ability in their home language?

In most cases, learning another language enhances a child's ability in their first language. Comparing two language systems aids with the understanding and use of each. Reports have demonstrated that children who have formally learned a second language earn higher SAT scores.

Q: How can I support my child in learning a second language that I do not speak?

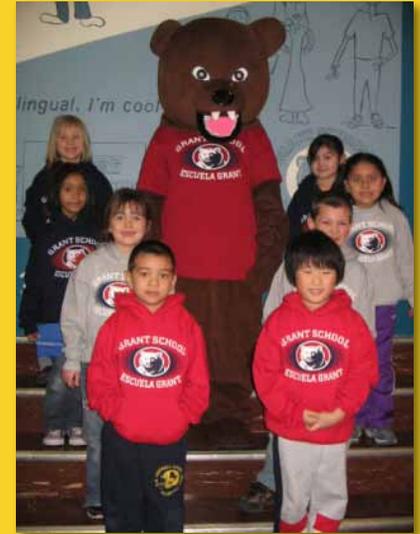
Supporting children in school is crucial in advancing their learning, in their first and second language. During monthly Dual Language Parent Nights parents learn specific strategies to understand and support their child's language learning. Our Family Connection Program allows families to connect and support each other as our children move between two languages and multiple cultures.



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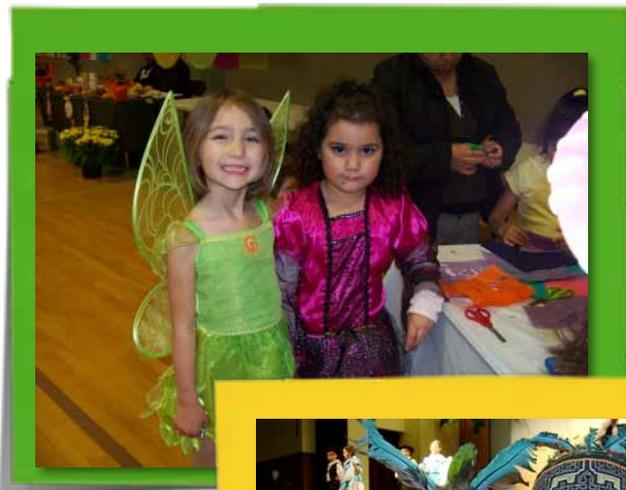
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*Our Dual Language Immersion Program
is a rigorous academic program in which
all students learn in two languages.*

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“Being bilingual is cool... I **DREAM** in two languages.”

-Second Grade Student

Our Program

We provide instruction in two languages, English and Spanish, over an extended period of time, from pre-kindergarten through 5th grade. Our program emphasizes challenging standards in the core curriculum domains (reading, writing, math, science, and social studies) while enriching the students’ development in both their first language and a second language.

How Our Program Works

Our Dual Language program begins in pre-kindergarten, with the students from both language groups working and learning together throughout their elementary careers. In kindergarten and first grade, the instructional day is conducted in Spanish for about 90% of the day and in English for about 10% of the day. By 4th and 5th grade, the language of instruction has moved to 50% English and 50% Spanish.

Our Goals for Children in the Dual Language Program

Our Dual Language Program will allow children to reach full proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in English and Spanish while cultivating a deep understanding, appreciation, and curiosity of our multicultural global context.

A COMMUNITY SCHOOL?

Yes, a community school. At Grant we are positively impacted by the community and we strive to create a positive impact in our community.

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION (P.I.E)

Our Partners in Education group is open to all members of the school and neighborhood community. From fundraising to planning cultural events- the goal of PIE is to support and enhance the success of our students and programs at Grant School.

ENRICHMENT ACADEMY

Grant School offers a before school (7:30-8:30) and after school (3:15-5:00) Enrichment Academy. These classes give students an opportunity to enhance pre-existing skills and learn new skills that will enrich their lives academically and personally. Here is a small glimpse of the classes we offer:



-Balet Folklorico,, Learning Garden, American Sign Language, Piano, Guitar, Chess, Choir, Life Sports, Soccer, and various styles of Arts and Crafts.

CULTURAL CLUB

One of the goals of our Dual Language Program is a deep understanding and appreciation of our multicultural context. The Culture Club is a group of parents and community members who plan purposeful ways to create a rich and meaningful connection among the many cultures represented in our community and school.

PARENT ROOM

A place dedicated to parents supporting students, teachers and the school. A place to meet, plan, and connect. A place for parents.