Dual Language in Community Consolidated School District 93



CCSD93 Dual Language Mission

Provide students with an opportunity to become bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural.





DUAL LANGUAGE IS A STRENGTH

- Learn Early, Learn Now!
- Expand The Circle of Communication
- Increase Respect
- Preparing for Success in the 21st Century



-Center for Applied Linguistics, www.cal.org



WHAT IS A DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM?

- Uses two languages for literacy and content instruction for all students
 - Both English and Spanish speakers
- Provides academic content using Illinois standards and District curriculum



Research

Dual Language students show higher academic growth than non dual-language students in both reading and mathematics on high stakes tests (Thomas & Collier, 2009)

Dual Language programs are more effective in helping English Language Students (ELL) acquire English over time (Lindholm-Leary, 2005)

Dual Language programs are more effective in closing the academic gap for Hispanic students (Thomas & Collier, 2002)



Dual Language in CCSD93

- Housed at Roy DeShane School
- Approximately 20-22 students (10 seats reserved for English speakers and 10 seats reserved for Spanish speakers)
- One highly qualified teacher will teach in English and Spanish
- One highly qualified bilingual paraprofessional will be available to assist students





Dual Language Program: Roy DeShane

- Optional enrichment program
- Same school hours as all elementary schools
- Personalized education
- Crisis plan
- Hot lunch program
- Before and after care program
- Transportation



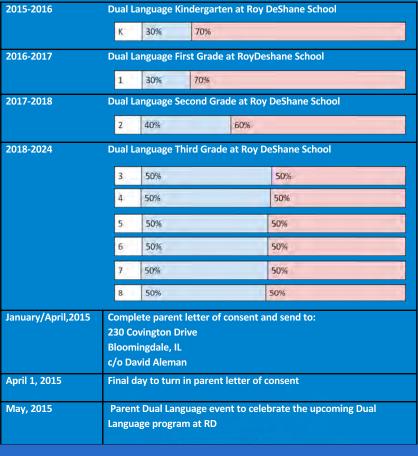




Program Comparison: English and Dual Language Instruction (Kindergarten)

Content Area	Language Arts	Math	English Language Development (Bridging)	Science/ Social Studies	(Music, Art, P.E)	Lunch, Recess, Announcements
Language	Spanish	Spanish	English Language Development	English	English	English





Kindergarten and Beyond

FINAL THOUGHTS

- We want your child to feel safe and confident at school
- Communication is key!
- Becoming bilingual takes time and patience
- Opportunities to socialize are important



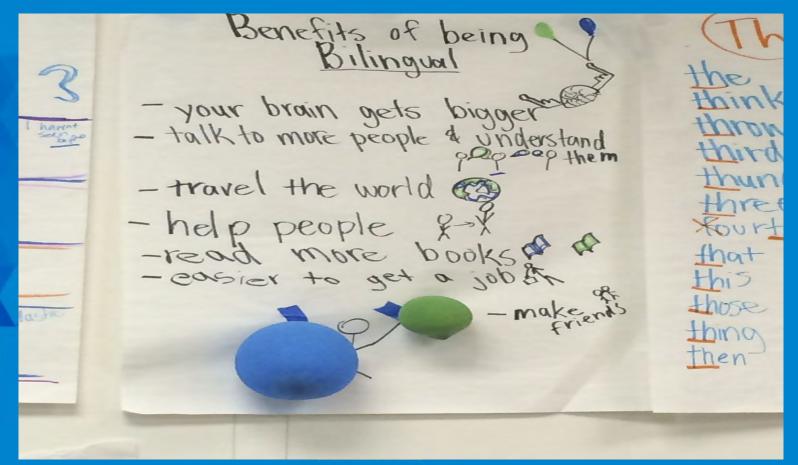


REMEMBER, PARENTS:

- Dual Language Program is voluntary
- Transportation is provided
- Parent Commitment
- Encourage bilingual development



Benefits of Being Bilingual



Questions

