

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century



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# 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



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January/April,2015	Complete parent letter of consent and send to: 230 Covington Drive Bloomington, IL c/o David Aleman																		
April 1, 2015	Final day to turn in parent letter of consent																		
May, 2015	Parent Dual Language event to celebrate the upcoming Dual Language program at RD																		

## 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

Benefits of being Bilingual

- your brain gets bigger
- talk to more people & understand them
- travel the world
- help people
- read more books
- easier to get a job
- make friends

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# Questions

