



Little Elm ISD

Dual Language

2018-2019 Dual Language Parent Meetings Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is the Dual Language program?

In the dual language program, students are provided instruction and experiences in both English and Spanish. Both native English and native Spanish speakers participate. The goal is for students to become bilingual and bi-literate in English and Spanish.

2. Where is the Dual Language Program located?

We now have three Dual Language locations: Brent Elementary, Hackberry Elementary, and Oak Point Elementary.

3. Which grades levels are offered in the Dual Language Program?

For the 2018-2019 school year, Hackberry and Oak Point will have sections from Kindergarten through 5th grade; and Brent Elementary will have a Kindergarten and a 1st grade class. Students must enter the program in Kindergarten.

4. How many students are selected for the Dual Language Program?

For the incoming Kindergarten class of 2018-2019, there will be 22 native English speakers and 22 native Spanish speakers chosen through random selection for each Dual Language campus. There will be a section at Brent Elementary, Hackberry Elementary, and two at Oak Point Elementary. This year, Spanish applicants will be tested to confirmed dominant language before the lottery takes place.

5. How are students chosen for the program?

Families that attend one of the two mandatory meetings will receive access to the application. Applications that are completed will be submitted for random selection. Parents would only be required to attend one of the two meetings this year.

6. When will the Dual Language Program lottery take place?

The random selection will occur during the first week of May since Spanish applicants will need to be tested to confirm dominant language. Parents will be notified by either mail or email of their child's status in the program. Notification will occur regardless of whether a student has been selected for the program or will remain on the waiting list.

7. If my student is selected, which campus will they attend, Hackberry, Oak Point, or Brent?

Typically speaking, students that have a current attendance zone for Oak Point or Chavez will attend Oak Point Elementary. Students that have a current attendance zone for Hackberry or Prestwick will attend Hackberry Elementary. Students that have a current



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attendance zone for Brent or Lakeview will attend Brent Elementary. If the selected student has an older sibling in the program, we will make every effort to assign the student to the same school, however, we are not able to guarantee placement.

8. How does the waiting list work?

After the students are selected through the random selection process, the remaining students are placed on a waiting list. It is an active waiting list, so if a student declines the program or in any way is choosing not to be part of the program after the selection, a student from the waiting list will be drawn. This will occur through the same random lottery method as the original selections. Opening in the program can occur throughout the Kindergarten year. The waiting list is active until the end of first grade. No waiting list is maintained after that time.

9. What instructional methodology is used in the Dual Language Program?

LEISD follows the Gomez and Gomez Dual Language model. This model can be found at www.dlti.us. If you would like a detailed copy of this program model, please contact your campus or it can be located at the website address above.

10. If I reside outside of the district, is my child eligible for enrollment into the Dual Language program?

Unfortunately, students that reside outside the Little Elm ISD school zone are not eligible for the program. A family must reside in the LEISD school zone at the time of selection in order to be eligible.

11. If I have an older child already in the dual language program, does that guarantee my kindergarten student will have a spot next year?

No, students are chosen by random selection.

Please contact Magdalena Silva with any additional questions. We thank for your interest in the Dual Language program!

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