

Olathe Public Schools Dual Language Immersion Program



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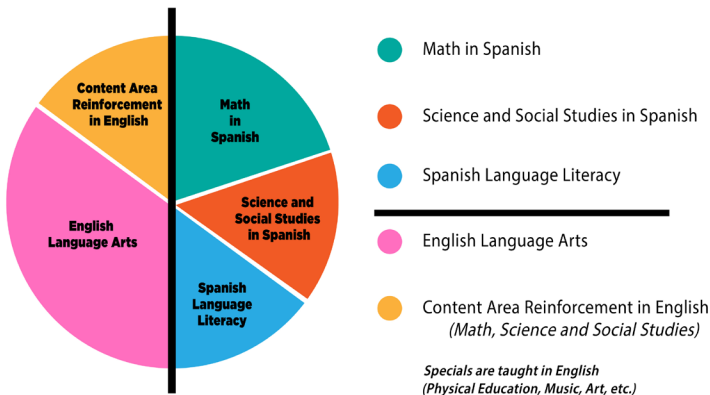
The Olathe Public Schools offers a dual-language immersion program at two elementary schools: Black Bob and Manchester Park elementary schools. Students enter the program their Kindergarten year and continue in the immersion program through elementary school.

Students spend half their day learning in English and half of their day learning in Spanish. Students learn science, social studies and math in both Spanish and English throughout the day. Students start in kindergarten and learn to read and write in two languages as they progress through elementary school.

Research shows that students who take part in an immersion classroom consistently develop native-like levels of comprehension, such as listening and reading skills, in their second language.



Olathe Spanish Dual Language Immersion Instructional Time





Enrollment:

Incoming Olathe kindergarten students interested in being a part of the immersion program will enter an application into a lottery system. Some seats will be saved for students living in the elementary attendance areas of Black Bob and Manchester Park and other seats will be open to families who live within the Olathe school boundaries who want to transfer into the program. Interested families can enter their name into the lottery by filling out an application at <http://www.olatheschools.org/immersion> during the spring window. Check the website for lottery dates for the year.

Questions? Contact Michael Flenthrope, Director of Language Acquisition at mgflenthrope@olatheschools.org

Want to learn more about the Olathe Public Schools Immersion program?

- Visit www.olatheschools.org/immersion to check out more information including Frequently Asked Questions and dates for the spring parent information nights.
- Be sure to fill out an application to have your incoming kindergartner added to the lottery during the spring window. Check the website for lottery dates for the year.

“Every day they are learning new things and adding to their Spanish vocabulary,” said Lindsey Fuzzell, who teaches the English part of the immersion day at Manchester Park. “It’s an amazing opportunity for our students not only to learn a new language but the culture and customs as well.”



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