

Exploring Parent Interest for a Fall 2018 Launch

Spanish - Kindergarten & (potentially) 1st grade

Mandarin - Kindergarten & (potentially) 1st grade

Program Goals

Meet the challenges of a global society •
Become bilingual and biliterate • Gain career
advantages • Increase awareness of cultural
traditions and customs • Achieve academic
proficiency in English and
Mandarin/Spanish



DUAL LANGUAGE



IMMERSION PROGRAM

Berryessa Union School District

1376 Piedmont Rd. San Jose, CA



What is Dual Immersion?

Immersion education is an alternative educational model designed to provide students with fluency and literacy in two languages. In this program, all students develop literacy in Mandarin/Spanish first with the gradual addition of English.

All students in the Immersion Program receive the same curriculum as all students throughout the district, except that initially they are taught in Mandarin/Spanish for most of the day.

Students in the Immersion Program are taught using California State Standards in English as well as Mandarin/Spanish. Both English and Mandarin/Spanish are taught daily and the students interact in both languages.

Instructional Time in Each Language

Grade	Mandarin/ Spanish	English
Kindergarten	90%	10%
1st	80%	20%

Enrollment Process

The goal is to have a balance of 50% English only students and 50% Native speaker students enrolled in our Dual Immersion classrooms. In order for students to be successful in the Dual Immersion Program, they should have a strong foundation in their home language. All incoming Kindergarten and (potentially) 1st grade students in the Berryessa Union School District are eligible to apply for the Immersion Program. Classroom placement will be based on the following criterion:

1. Attendance Area Students
2. BUSD Students
3. Inter-District Permits as Space Allows

❖ Please note: Student language classification will be considered to meet 50% classroom balance.

The Dual Immersion application of interest is available through the Education Services Dept. at the District Office or on District Website.