

# BSD High School Spanish Immersion

Parent Information Night  
November 2023



# Agenda

- ❖ Program Benefits
- ❖ High School Innovation
- ❖ Next Steps



# Benefits of Immersion



**Programa de Inmersión**  
**Immersion Program**

Research shows that learning an additional language in a Dual Language Immersion Program leads to higher:

- Cognitive Development
- Sociocultural Development
- Economic Benefits
- Academic Achievement on standardized assessments and in language acquisition for all students

# BSD Achievement Data

- BSD students in DLI averaged higher growth and proficiency percentages than students in traditional classes in Math and Reading on Smarter and NWEA MAP assessments
  - MLL students in immersion classes show greater growth than MLL peers in traditional classes
- Middle School Immersion Language Proficiency scores are higher than the national average in Listening, Speaking, and Writing on the AAPPL assessment





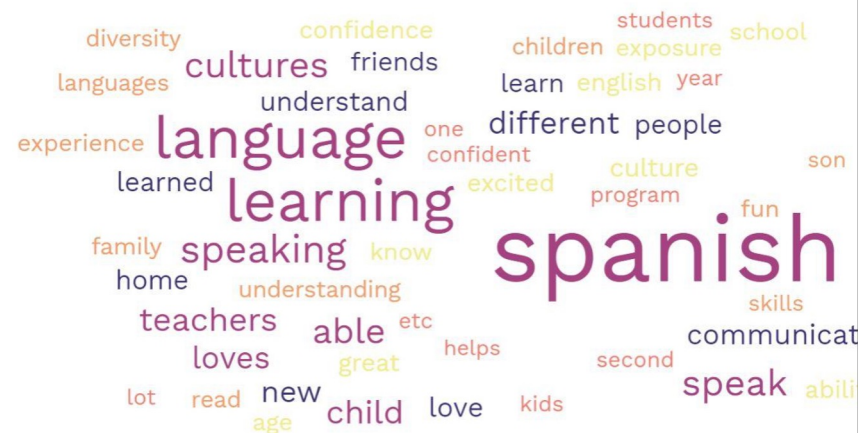
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# to strengthen?



144 responses

## What have been some benefits?



187 responses

## Areas



# A Sustainable High School Model

## Action Steps

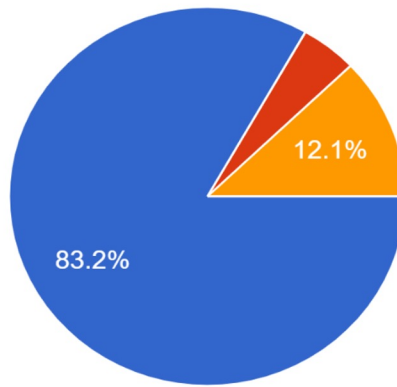
- Formed a Work Group last school year
- Reviewed Proposed High School Models
  - DOE, Red Clay, Appoquinimink, and Indian River
- Solicit parent input
- Reviewed the high schools' capacity and attendance feeder data



# Family Interest for Continuation

Would you like the option for a high school Immersion program in BSD?

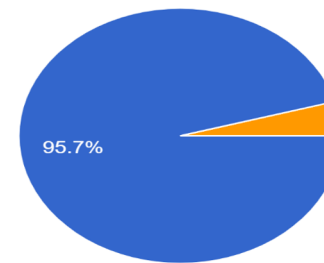
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- Yes, Definitely
- No, we have other high school plans
- Maybe, I am not sure

¿Le gustaría la opción de un Programa de Inmersión en la escuela secundaria en el Distrito Escolar Brandywine?

23 responses

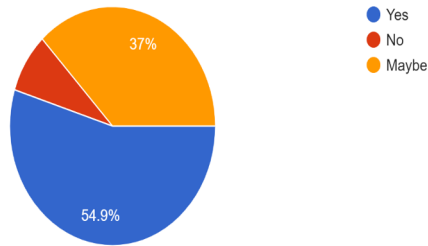


- Sí, definitivamente
- No, tenemos otros planes en la escuela secundaria para mi hijo(a)
- Tal vez, no estoy seguro

# Family Survey Responses

If the Immersion program is not at every high school, would you be willing and able to choose to a high school that is not your attendance zone feeder high school to continue in the program?

173 responses

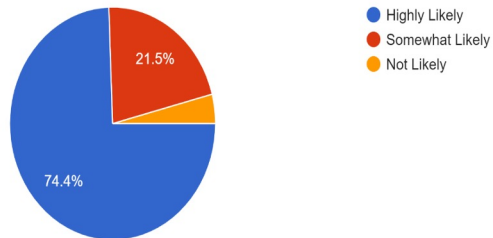


Families provided feedback on the high school immersion model. They expressed a willingness to:

- Choice if needed
- Pay for a Travel experience
- Pay for Dual Enrollment

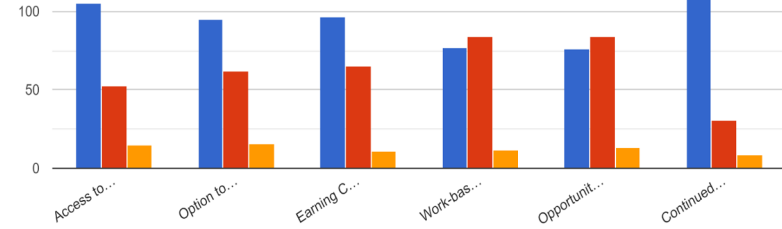
If there is an opportunity for your children to attend an optional trip to a Spanish-speaking country, how likely would you attend an information session to learn about the details and costs?

172 responses



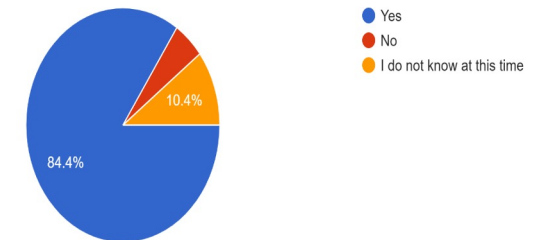
What would you like to have included in your children's high school immersion experience?

Essential to have Would be great Not Essential



Would you be willing to pay a partial fee (around \$50) for your children to take a college Dual Enrollment Spanish course each year at the high school, resulting in 3 college credits?

173 responses





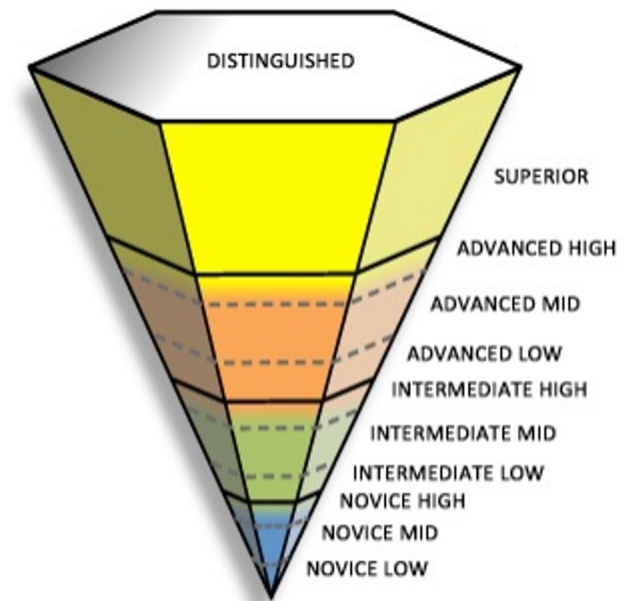
# High School Location

- Continue the Immersion program at BHS for Fall 2024 & 2025
  - First two cohorts numbers are each one class size
  - Majority of these students feed to BHS
  - BHS leadership already planning
- Expand to CHS & MPHS starting in Fall 2026
  - The first cohorts from all three elementary schools
  - A full class size will feed into each of the high schools



# High School Model

- One Spanish course per year with embedded supports
  - 9th grade - AP Spanish
  - 10-12th grade – College Dual Enrollment Spanish course
- High School credits awarded from Middle School courses
- Spanish Foreign Exchange opportunity
- Work Based Learning & Volunteering credit options
- Delaware Certificate of Multiliteracy awarded



# BSD Next Steps

## Short term

- Analyze student input for high school model
- Communication to families
- Training for BHS staff

## Long term

- Funding
- Plan travel experience
- Plan Work Based Learning opportunities
- Inquire about IB & Immersion



# Immersion Family Next Steps

1. Continuation Verification
  - Conducted by Talley in the Spring
2. Think about the other programs you want to join
  - Clubs, Sports, Music, Drama, Leadership, AVID, AP & Dual Enrollment courses





# School Choice Questions

BHS is not my attendance zone/feeder school. Do I need to apply for School Choice during Open Enrollment?

No – regardless of your address, all Immersion students have the right to remain in the program.

Will BSD transportation be provided for my child?

BSD attempts to provide all choice students with transportation at the nearest feeder bus stop to your house. Families need to contact the BSD Transportation office.

What if my child does not attend BHS?

The College Dual Enrollment course will only be offered at Brandywine High School until the program matriculates to Concord and Mount Pleasant.

Students must complete two credits of the same foreign language for graduation in Delaware. This can be earned through their middle school APPL score, Spanish 4 & AP Spanish (potentially offered at MPHS due to IB), or taking a new language. Please consider that most universities require three World Language credits in high school.



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## AP Capstone Program

# AP Capstone™

Brandywine High School is proud to be an approved AP Capstone™ school, one of the few in Delaware to reach this designation. AP Capstone is a diploma program based on two year long AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research. These courses are designed to complement other AP courses that the AP Capstone student may take. Instead of teaching specific subject knowledge, AP Seminar and AP Research use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management, and presentation skills students need for college-level work. The College Board developed the AP Capstone Diploma program at the request of higher education professionals, who saw a need for a systematic way for high school students to begin mastering these skills before college. In order to earn the AP Capstone Diploma, students must score 3 or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research, and four additional AP exams of their choosing.

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## Roll

## AP School Honor



### AP<sup>®</sup> School Honor Roll

2023



Brandywine High School has been recognized for the 2023-2024 AP School Honor Roll by the College Board. This award is given to schools nationally for developing an AP program that creates a college-going culture and gives students opportunities to earn college credit and maximize their college outcomes.

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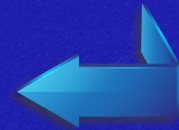


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## AVID Program

AVID's (Advancement Via Individual Determination) mission is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. AVID is a 9th-12th grade pathway and school-wide support system designed to prepare students in the academic middle for college. The AVID curriculum, based on rigorous standards, is driven by the WICOR method, which stands for Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading.

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CTE programs give students a chance to explore careers that they might be interested in after graduation. They allow students to take classes that they enjoy and earn a credential recognized in their field. These programs encourage students to pursue these career-related options after they graduate, either in college or in the workplace.

Programs of study offered at BHS include:

- Education and Training: K-12 Teacher Academy
- Hospitality and Tourism: Culinary and Hospitality Management (ProStart)
- Information Technology: Computer Science
- STEM and Health Sciences
  - Biomedical Sciences
  - Engineering

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## Career & Technical Education







# LEARNING AT BRANDYWINE HIGH SCHOOL

## Fine Arts, Music, and Dance

### Fine Arts

The Visual Arts Department teaches students how to develop a visual voice to speak about their lives. Experiences and lessons help students learn how art can improve their ability to communicate ideas and feelings about their world. Lessons combine examples from art history and culture with creative experiences to express themselves visually. The department offers a wide variety of course selections from traditional drawing, painting, and sculpture to the more cutting-edge art forms like computer art and photography.

Students create, evaluate, and make connections between the visual arts and other disciplines. Lessons are based on Big Ideas that transcend art and make connections to the greater world. Opportunities are provided for students to explore arts' place in the working world. At the same time, the Art Department supports students preparing for an art career as well as those who simply want to experience art.

The Art Room is a place where students feel safe to try new ideas and express feelings in productive ways. The Art Room is a haven where students can believe in themselves. Art can be transformative, enlightening, and fun.



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## Fine Arts, Music, and Dance

### Music

The Brandywine High School Music Department provides students with great vocal and instrumental music ensembles. Kids get the opportunity to perform in seasonal concerts and special events. BHS also offers supporting classes in music like Music Theory and MIDI technology classes.

BHS wants our students to develop as musicians both individually or as part of an ensemble. Our students are able to read music and have a working knowledge of music theory and composition.

Our faculty teaches music with different styles. They focus on historical and cultural styles that are the roots of today's music.

We aim to build a community of musicians. At BHS students belong, work together, and have fun. We always encourage our students to contribute to the Brandywine culture and community through music.



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### Dance

The Dance Department offers a wide variety of classes including Exploratory Dance, Ballet, and Jazz. Dance education begins with an awareness of body movement and its potential for self-expression. Students do exercises and movements designed to teach them the practical applications and the creative interpretation of dance. Students learn that techniques, attention to the nuances of movement, and artistic discipline help them create more powerful and professional expressions.

The development of BHS's courses is based on State and National Dance Standards. This makes sure that high academic expectations of knowledge and performance is taught. Students learn that dance is the product of intentional and well thought physical actions. Students learn about historical and cultural dance. They develop their ability to evaluate and assess dance.

Most of all, they learn that dance can be fun. It is learning in the most open and engaging environment.



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# LEARNING AT BRANDYWINE HIGH SCHOOL

## Athletics

Welcome to BHS Athletics! At Brandywine, we offer a complete program of athletics in a wide array of sports including, football, basketball, swimming, baseball, soccer, track, and much, much, more! There's something for everyone's athletic interests at Brandywine!



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