Learn about the benefits of enrolling your child in BSD's Spanish Immersion Program

SPANISH IMMERSION

2021-2022 School Year
Now enrolling kindergarten students who live in the Lancashire Elementary School feeder pattern

Please join us at a virtual* informational meeting:
   February 25, 6:30 p.m.
   March 17, 10:30 a.m.
   April 20, 6:30 p.m.
   May 25, 1:00 p.m.

*Join us through Zoom. Please send an email within 24-48hrs of meeting date to Tammy.Porter@bsd.k12.de.us to reply and receive the login details.

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INMERSIÓN EN ESPAÑOL

Año Escolar 2021-2022

Ahora inscribiendo a estudiantes que viven en la zona de la Escuela Elemental Lancashire.

Por favor, únase a nosotros en una reunión informativa virtual:

- 25 de febrero, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 de marzo, 10:30 a.m.
- 20 de abril, 6:30 p.m.
- 25 de mayo, 1:00 p.m.

Acompáñanos a través de Zoom. Por favor envíe un correo electrónico entre 24-48 horas de la reunión a Tammy.Porter@bsd.k12.de.us para responder y recibir los detalles de inicio de sesión.

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Spanish Immersion Program

Offering children the gift of a second language

The Brandywine School District is proud to offer a Spanish Language Immersion Program in the 2021-2022 school year at Lancashire Elementary Schools. This program will provide some of our youngest learners with an exciting opportunity to learn and engage in two languages and cultures - English and Spanish - during the school day.

We are currently registering students who will enter kindergarten in those three schools in August 2021. Ultimately, the program will provide a continuous K-12 Immersion pathway.
WHY IMMERSION?
Dual language immersion programs help students attain high levels of proficiency in a second language. Young children in particular thrive in this type of environment and are more adept at language acquisition.

WHY SPANISH?
In addition to being the second most widely spoken language in the United States, Spanish is an important language in the global business community. Fluency in Spanish opens doors to many career opportunities in the U.S. and abroad.

BENEFITS OF IMMERSION
Second Language Skills
Students in an immersion program can be expected to achieve a high level of proficiency in the second language.

Improved Academic Performance
Exposing students to language at a young age helps promote intellectual development. Children who participate in immersion programs perform as well as or better than their peers on achievement tests in English and math.

Cognitive Development
Dual language students typically develop increased attention control, memory, and superior problem-solving skills. In addition, learning a second language can enhance students’ understanding of their primary language.

Cultural Sensitivity
Students in immersion programs are more aware of and show more positive attitudes toward other cultures, enabling them to interact effectively with people of different backgrounds, ethnicities, beliefs, and interests.

Long-Term Benefits
Later in life, immersion students are better prepared for the global community and job markets where knowledge of a second language is an asset.

HOW DOES IMMERSION WORK?
Dual language immersion offers a rich bilingual experience for young learners. Immersion classrooms follow the same curriculum in all content areas (reading, writing, math, science, and social studies) as all other classrooms and use many of the same materials.

Two teachers instruct students in this program - one for half the day in English, and the other for half the day in Spanish. In the Spanish-speaking classroom, the teacher speaks entirely in Spanish and use a range of strategies including pictures, songs, games, body language, facial expressions, and more.

As students progress from grade to grade, they will have a pathway toward advanced-level proficiency in Spanish. By ninth grade, immersion students will be prepared to take the AP Spanish exam and then participate in dual-enrollment or dual-credit classes with local universities, possibly earning college credits while still in high school.

WHAT DO PARENTS NEED TO DO?
- Commit to long-term participation in the immersion program
- Read with your child for 20-30 minutes every day in English
- Encourage your child to use Spanish outside of school
- Attend parent meetings throughout the year

HOW TO ENROLL
Contact Lancashire Elementary School or District Office at the numbers listed on the back of this brochure. Children must be five years old by August 31, 2021 in order to enroll in kindergarten.
Student's Name: _______________________________________ Home School: ________________________________

Parent’s/Guardian’s Name: ____________________________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________________________________

Home Phone: ________________________________________ Cell Phone: __________________

Email Address: __________________________________________

What language is spoken at home? _____________________________________

I am requesting that my child be enrolled in the Spanish Immersion Program. I understand that the
enrollment of my child is conditional on space availability, along with my understanding of and
commitment to the following:

(Please initial each line and sign on the signature line below.)

_____ I will read with my child for a minimum of 20-30 minutes daily in the language spoken at home.

_____ I understand attendance and punctuality are of key importance. I commit to having my child attend school regularly
and on time, except for illness and family emergencies.

_____ I understand that my child will remain in the immersion program as a long-term commitment for maximum benefit.
My child will remain in the program through elementary school at Lancashire and transition with the program in
middle and high school.

_____ I will develop an understanding of immersion education and take advantage of the resource provided by the school
and district.

_____ I will support the total educational process and assist with the instructional concepts in the language spoken at
home.

_____ I will seek out opportunities for my child to use the immersion language outside of school.

_____ I understand the core class instruction in math, social studies and science is given in Spanish.

_____ I commit to collaborating with the school to work through any challenges while celebrating the results.

Due to the uniqueness of this program, the media or visiting professionals may request photos or videos of the teacher and
students in the classroom setting. For that reason, we are seeking your permission ahead of time.

_____ I DO NOT want my student to be involved in media coverage – photographed, interviewed or videotaped.

_____ I give permission for my student to be involved in media coverage – photographed, interviewed or videotaped.

Parent’s Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: _____/_____/_______
PROGRAMA DE INMERSION A ESPAÑOL DE KINDERGARTEN
FORMULARIO DE COMPROMISO DE LOS PADRES
ESCUELA ELEMENTAL LANCASHIRE
2021-2022
FAVOR DE IMPRIMIR

Nombre de Estudiante: _______________________________________

Nombre de Padre/Guardián: _______________________________________

Dirección: _____________________________________________________________________________________

Teléfono (Casa): _____________________________________ Celular: ________________________________

Correo Electrónico: _________________________________________________

¿Qué idioma se habla en casa? _________________________________

Solicito que mi hijo(a) sea matriculado(a) en el Programa de Inmersión. Comprendo que la matriculación de mi hijo(a) está sujeta a la disponibilidad de espacio, junto con mi entendimiento de y compromiso a lo siguiente:

(Favor de colocar sus iniciales en cada línea y firmar en la línea de firma a continuación.)

______ Yo leeré con mi hijo/a un mínimo de 20-30 minutos diariamente en el idioma que hablamos en casa.

______ Comprendo que la asistencia y la puntualidad son sumamente importantes y me comprometo a que mi hijo/a asista a la escuela regularmente y estar a tiempo excepto cuando esté enfermo o haya alguna emergencia familiar.

______ Yo comprendo que mi hijo/a permanecerá en el programa de inmersión como un compromiso de largo plazo para recibir el beneficio máximo. Mi hijo/a permanecerá en el programa mientras este en la escuela elemental Lancashire y seguirá el programa hasta el grado 12.

______ Yo desarrollaré más conocimiento sobre la educación de inmersión y usaré los recursos proveídos por la escuela y el distrito.

______ Yo apoyaré el proceso de educación y asistiré con los conceptos de enseñanza usando el idioma que hablamos en casa.

______ Buscaré oportunidades donde mi hijo/a pueda usar el segundo idioma fuera de la escuela.

______ Comprendo que la instrucción esencial en las materias de matemáticas, estudios sociales, y ciencias es enseñada en español.

______ Me comprometo a colaborar con la escuela para ayudar con cualquier reto mientras al mismo tiempo celebrar los resultados positivos del programa.

Debido a singularidad de este programa, los medios de comunicación o profesionales visitantes pueden pedir fotos o vídeos de la clase que pueden incluir a la maestra y/o estudiantes. Por esta razón, estamos pidiendo su permiso antes de tiempo.

______ YO NO ACEPTO que mi hijo/a sea publicado/a en los medios de comunicación – fotografiado/a, entrevistado/a o grabado/a.

______ Sí, mi hijo/a puede ser publicado/a en los medios de comunicación – fotografiado/a, entrevistado/a o grabado/a.

Firma de Padres: _______________________________ Fecha: ________/______/______