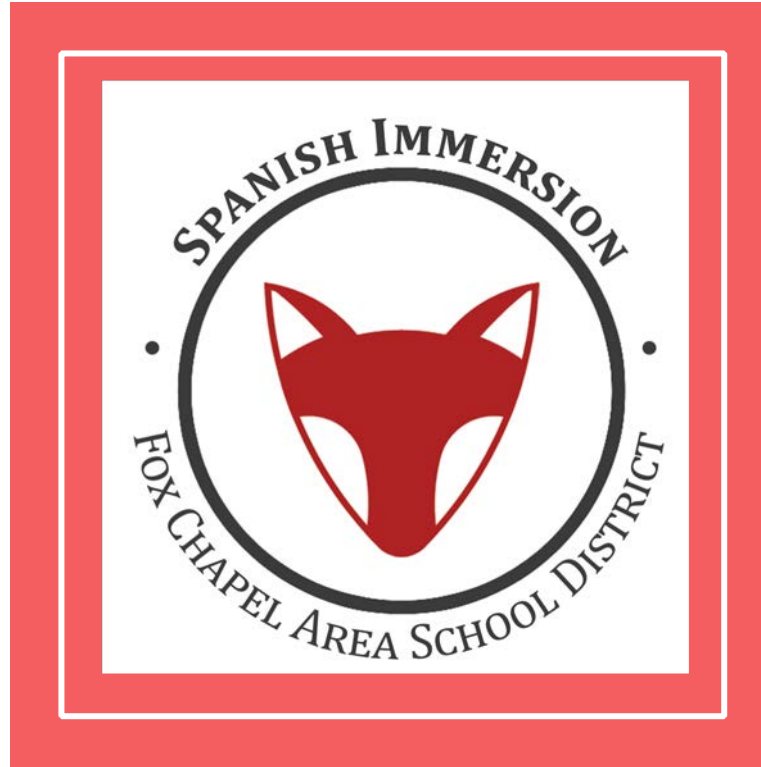


Welcome!

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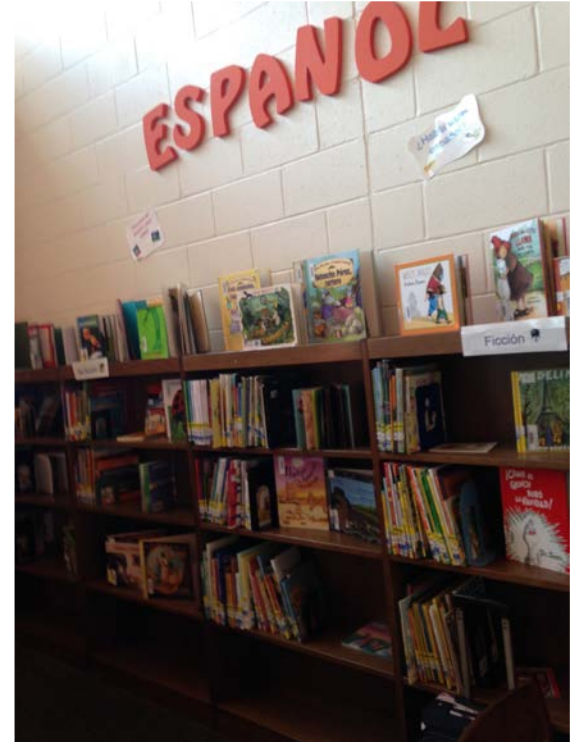


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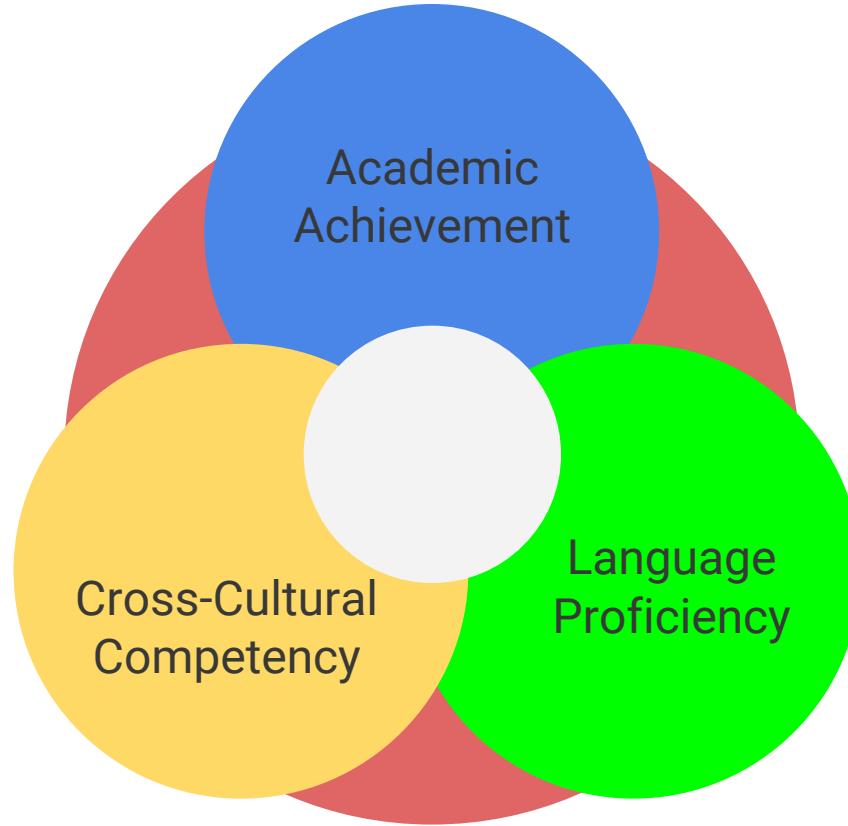
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What is Spanish Immersion?

- A method of instruction in which the regular school curriculum is taught through the medium of the Spanish language
- ...a method of instruction that allows students to acquire a second language through content instruction, educational discourse, and social interaction in the second language (Cloud et al., 2000)



Three Central Program Goals



End of Program Competencies Tied to Goals

Academic Achievement

- Demonstrate high levels of academic achievement in English and Spanish (at or above grade level)

Language Proficiency

- Demonstrate high levels of age-appropriate language proficiency in English and Spanish

Cross-Cultural Competency

- Demonstrate positive cross-cultural attitudes and behaviors (products, practices, and perspectives)

Program Overview



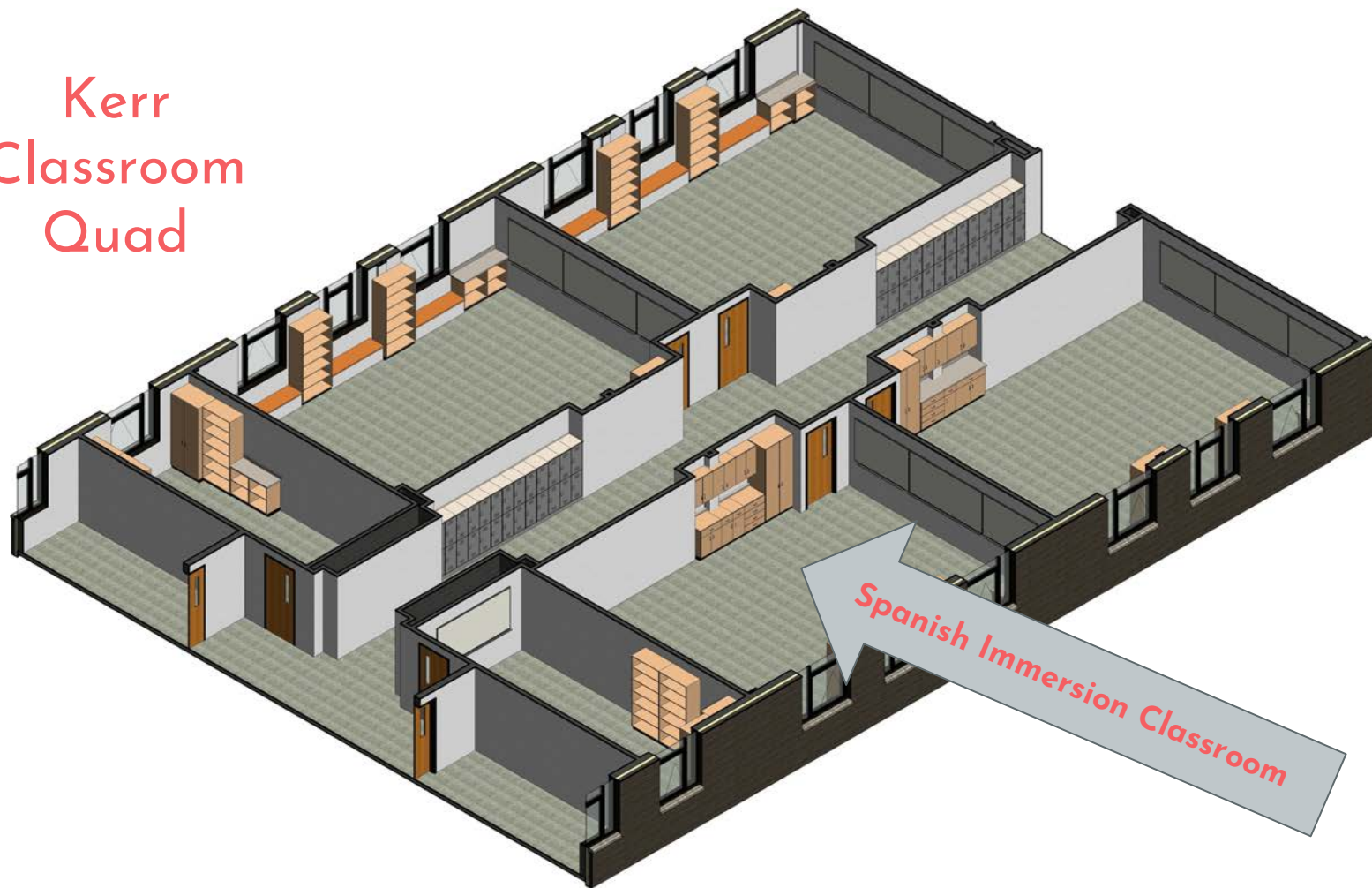


Kerr Elementary School 2019-2020

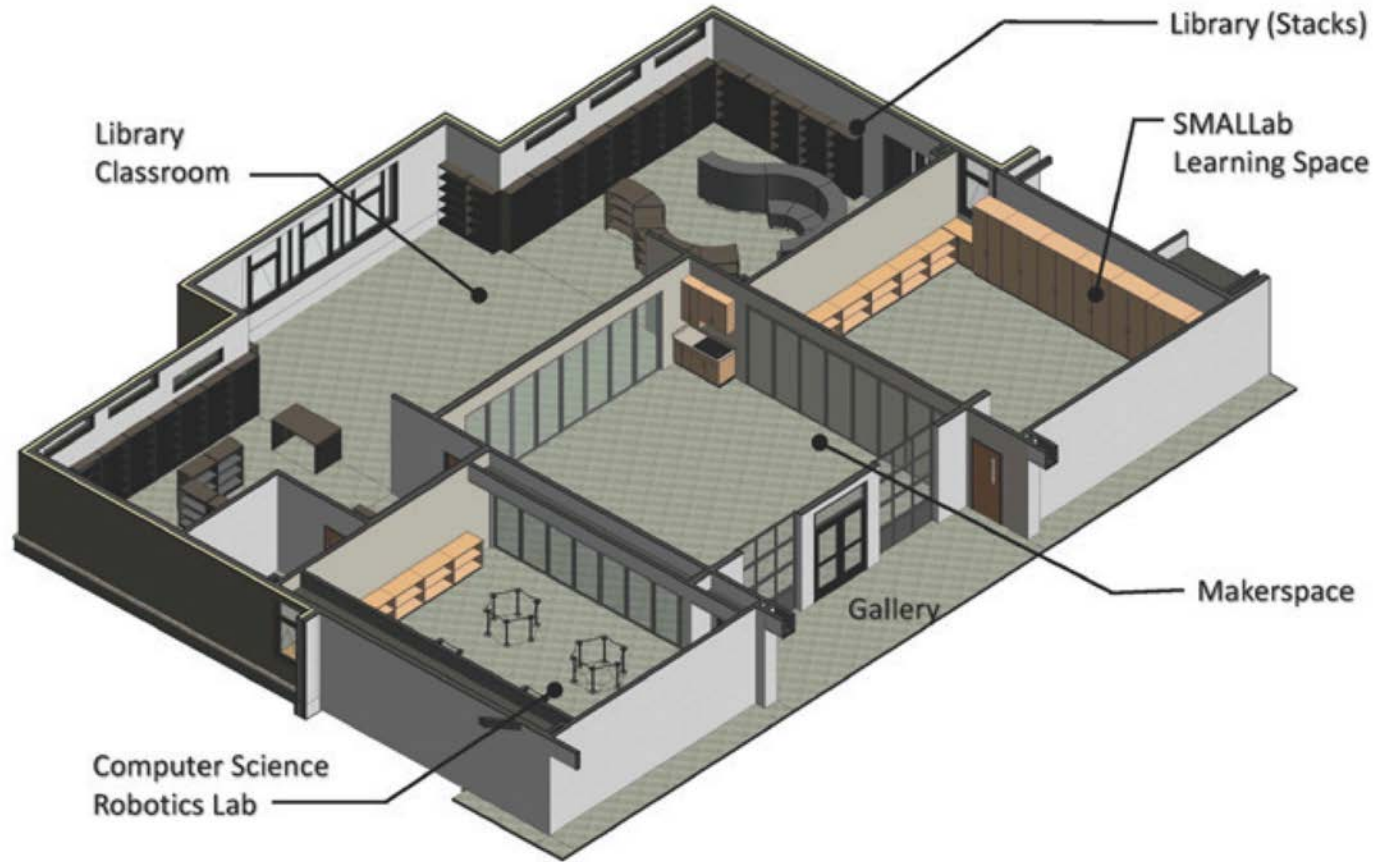




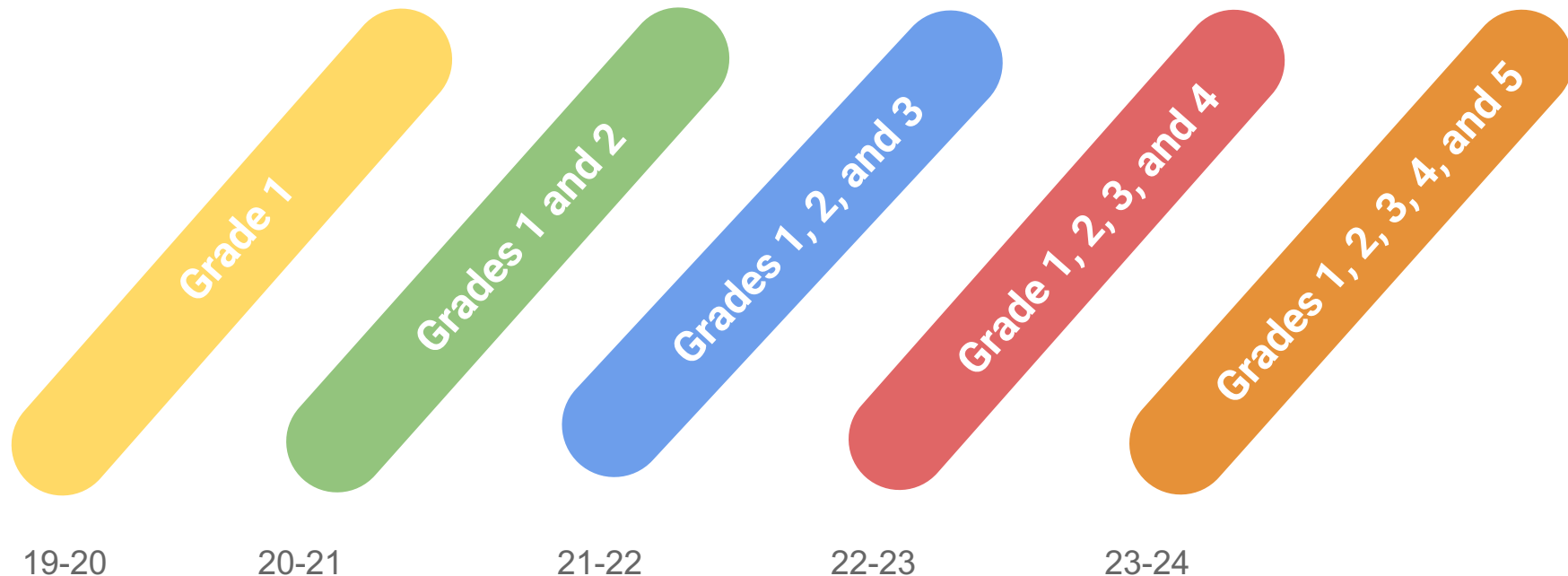
Kerr
Classroom
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Kerr Collaboratory



Spanish Immersion Pilot Phase-In at Fox Chapel Area



Benefits to Students



Why Spanish?

"The United States is the second largest Spanish speaking country, with more Spanish speakers than 20 out of the 21 Spanish speaking countries in the world."



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Why Spanish?


- The United States has more Spanish speakers than Spain- and the second most in the world.
- There are now an estimated 52.6 million people in the United States who can speak Spanish, which is second only to Mexico's 121 million. (16% of the population and growing)
- There are now 559 million Spanish speakers in the world.
- There are currently 41 million native Spanish speakers living in the United States today- and another 11.6 million people who are bilingual.
- The United States will have an estimated 138 million Spanish speakers by 2050- making it the biggest Spanish speaking nation on Earth.

Spanish Immersion in Action

“Put Yourself in the Shoes of the Learner”



Seat Allocation

School	18/19 Kindergarten Enrollment	% of Total Students	Number of Spanish Immersion Seats 
Fairview	61	20%	5
Hartwood	54	18%	5
Kerr	62	20%	5
O'Hara	126	42%	10
TOTAL	303	100%	25

**Data used from September 2018 enrollment information.*

Student Selection

- Names are selected according to set seats per building
- Twins and triplets on one slip
- Remaining students go on ordered wait list
- Wait list students can enter through January of grade 1
- Letters sent (acceptance or wait list) to families
- If applications are received beyond seat allocation per building, a lottery will be held on June 6, 2019



Readiness Criteria



Fundations Unit Assessments

- December, January, and March
- 80% Mastery

STAR Early Literacy Assessments

- September, November, and February
- Transitional, Probable, or Reading

*Academic diversity in class makeup is key!

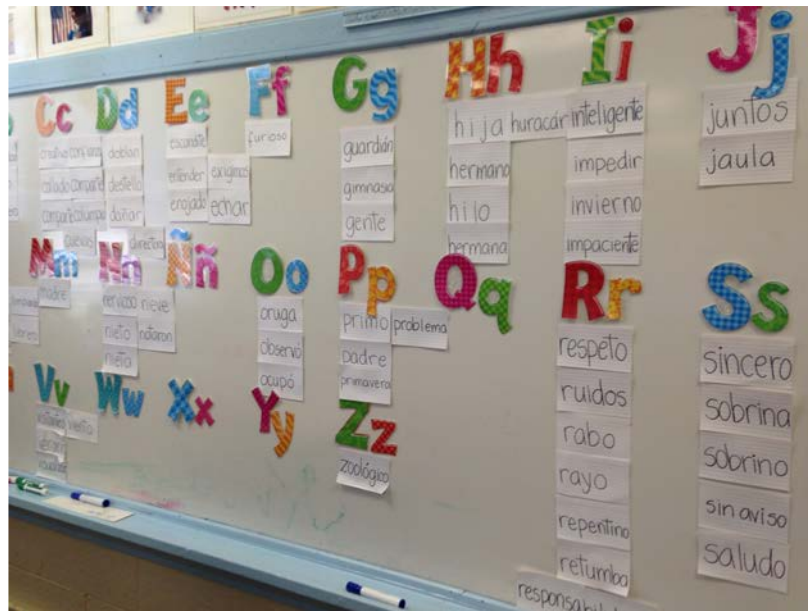
Curriculum and Instruction

- All Spanish Immersion students will engage with the district's core curricular resources in Spanish.
 - Language Arts- Journeys
 - Math- Eureka
 - STEAM- National Geographic, SMALLab, Inquiry Experiences
 - Social Studies- Teacher's Curriculum Institute
- Supports and enrichment will be provided as needed.



Time Allotted to Language Immersion

Timeframe	Language Allocation
Grade 1 (Semester 1)	80% of instruction in Spanish
Grade 1 (Semester 2)	100% of instruction in Spanish
Grade 2 (Semester 1)	100% of instruction in Spanish
Grade 2 (Semester 2)	100% of instruction in Spanish
Grades 3-5	80% of instruction in Spanish



Lunch, Recess, Specials, and Extra Programming

- Special areas, lunch, and recess will be in English.
- Daily lunch and recess will provide interactions with non-immersion peers.
- After School at Kerr (ASK), Intramurals, and other PTO Sponsored Events will also provide interaction.



Parent's Role

- Attend parent workshops throughout the course of the year
- Develop English reading, writing, speaking and listening skills
- Practice reading and writing skills at home (20-45 minutes daily)



Additional FAQs



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What is the cost to participate?

- *There is no cost to participate.*

Will the district provide transportation?

- *Spanish Immersion students will receive district transportation to and from Kerr.*

If I have another child, will he/she have to attend a different elementary school?

- *You will have the option to have your other child continue to attend his/her home school or he/she can attend Kerr.*

Teacher Recruitment and Hiring

First Round: District Screening Interview
(Spanish)

Second Round: Pedagogy and Content
Interview (English)

Third Round: Site Based Demonstration Lesson
with Spanish Speaking Summary

Other Criteria: Results of ACTFL Oral
Proficiency Exam (Advanced Low at Minimum)

Welcome, Mrs. Alexis Bergaul!



K-12 Continuum of World Language Instruction

First group of immersion students to enter middle school... 2024-2025

First group of immersion students to enter the high school... 2027-2028

Additional programming at both levels will be implemented to allow for students to continue development with their Spanish language skills or to potentially acquire a third language.



Eligibility



Resident of Fox Chapel Area School District

Child enrolled in Fox Chapel Area School District during the Kindergarten year

Meet FCASD Readiness Criteria

English primary language spoken in the home

Complete the Spanish Immersion Pilot Program Application online

Sign the Parental Commitment Form

Enrollment Process

Enrollment open April 1-May 17, 2019

Visit si.fcasd.edu

Complete the Spanish Immersion Pilot Program
Application form online

Application Link: <http://bit.ly/sifcasd>

Students selected on June 6



More Information

Spanish Immersion Folder

- Spanish Immersion Brochure
- Information Guide (FAQ)
- Admission Guidelines
- Parental Commitment Form
- Spanish Immersion Enrollment Flyer
- Application Sample



Spanish Immersion Pilot Program

Email Print



SPANISH IMMERSION FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Fox Chapel Area School District will be opening a Spanish Immersion pilot program at the start of the 2019-2020 school year. The program will be open to students in our current kindergarten classes and will be housed at Kerr Elementary School. The purpose of this page is to provide additional information to parents and guardians about the program.

Click below for a brochure on the district's Spanish Immersion Program.



Elementary Spanish Immersion Brochure

Click below to see an open enrollment advertisement for the program.



Spanish Immersion Open Enrollment Ad

Click below to view a parental commitment form.



Spanish Immersion Parental Commitment

Click below for the Spanish Immersion Program admission guidelines.



Spanish Immersion Pgm Admission Guidelines

Click below for an information guide on the program.



Spanish Immersion Pgm Information Guide

More Information

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Click below to read an article on the program that appeared in the Tribune Review.

<https://triblive.com/local/foxchapel/14049154-74/fox-chapel-area-to-launch-spanish-immersion-program>

These articles/video provide additional information.

What the Research Say about Immersion

http://carla.umn.edu/immersion/documents/ImmersionResearch_TaraFortune.html

Dual Language Learning: 6 Key Insight for Schools

<https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2018/09/17/dual-language-learning-6-key-insights-for-schools.html>

Languages and Learners Making the Match

<https://www.pearsonhighered.com/assets/samplechapter/0/1/3/2/0132855216.pdf>

Click below to view a video entitled, "Benefits of a Bilingual Brain."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMmOLN5zBLY>

Parent Interest



Name_____

Child's Name_____

Teacher's Name_____ Grade_____

Home School _____

After attending our presentation,
please rate your degree of interest in the
Spanish Immersion Pilot Program:

- ☐ Very interested
- ☐ Somewhat interested
- ☐ Not at all interested

Any questions?

Questions

