



## District Elementary Dual Language Program – 2017-2018 Kindergarten Application Information

March 13, 2017

Dear Families/Guardians:

Walla Walla Public Schools is now accepting applications for kindergarten dual language programming for the 2017-18 school year. As we move toward a full district dual language program at Edison School, this application process is new. Please read below for more information about the application and lottery process we will be using to place kindergarten students for the coming school year.

The goal of the program is to ensure that all students who participate achieve proficiency in both Spanish and English. Please consider the following as you decide if dual language is the right choice for your child:

- Your child should be developmentally on target in his/her native language; and
- Your child has already expressed an interest in different people, places and things; and
- Your child desires to become fluent in Spanish and English; and
- As a family, you will support learning a second language through school attendance, participation in school events and practice of both languages in your home.

Please complete the attached form and return to district office by Wednesday, March 29, e-mail to [kschisler@wwps.org](mailto:kschisler@wwps.org), or mail to: Walla Walla Public Schools, 364 South Park Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Once your application is received, you will be contacted by the Teaching and Learning Department to set up a specific time for your child to be assessed for placement into the lottery process. Below is detailed information on the entire process.

March 13-29:	Applications accepted (all applicants will be screened)
Mar. 20 -April 1:	Testing/screening period
April 3-5:	Assessment scoring
April 7:	Families notified by mail regarding assessment results
April 11:	Lottery for those students who have tested/screened into the pool for dual programming at Edison School.
April 12:	District-wide kindergarten fair
April 17:	Open enrollment begins and parents whose children are accepted into dual program placement can pick up kindergarten enrollment packets at Edison School.
May 12:	Students accepted into dual placement must be registered.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact the Teaching and Learning Department at 527-3000.



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### Kindergarten Application Form

*Return to the District Office by March 29, 2017 or e-mail to: [kschisler@wwps.org](mailto:kschisler@wwps.org)*

**Please print all information:**

Student Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's First Language: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Birthdate: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (note: child must turn 5 before September 1, 2017)

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**My child is:**

English Only Speaker

Native Spanish Speaker

Bilingual (Spanish & English)

If other children in the family are currently attending Dual Language Classes at a district elementary school, please list:

Sibling(s) names: \_\_\_\_\_

School(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I/we are aware that my child will be assessed for language abilities and kindergarten readiness prior to consideration for admission to the District Elementary Dual Language Program at Edison Elementary School. I/we are also aware that classroom space is limited and a lottery system will be used to determine my child's position in a kindergarten class or on a waiting list.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please see the back of this form for a Home Language Survey that is part of the application process.**

**Both sides of this form must be completed and returned as noted above.**





**Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)**  
**Home Language Survey**

The Home Language Survey is given to *all* students enrolling in Washington schools.

<b>Student Name:</b> _____		<b>Grade:</b> _____	<b>Date:</b> _____
Parent/Guardian Name _____		Parent/Guardian Signature _____	
<p><b>Right to Translation and Interpretation Services</b>          Indicate your language preference so we can provide an interpreter or translated documents, free of charge, when you need them.</p>	<p>All parents have the right to information about their child's education in a language they understand.</p> <p>1. In what language(s) would your family prefer to communicate with the school?          _____</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility for Language Development Support</b>          Information about the student's language helps us identify students who qualify for support to develop the language skills necessary for success in school. Testing may be necessary to determine if language supports are needed.</p>	<p>2. What language did your child learn first?          _____</p> <p>3. What language does your child use the most at home?          _____</p> <p>4. What is the primary language used in the home, regardless of the language spoken by your child?          _____</p> <p>5. Has your child received English language development support in a previous school? Yes___ No___ Don't Know___</p>		
<p><b>Prior Education</b>          Your responses about your child's birth country and previous education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give us information about the knowledge and skills your child is bringing to school.</li> <li>• May enable the school district to receive additional federal funding to provide support to your child.</li> </ul> <p><i>This form is not used to identify students' immigration status.</i></p>	<p>6. In what country was your child born? _____</p> <p>7. Has your child ever received formal education outside of the United States? (Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) ___Yes ___No</p> <p>If yes: Number of months: _____          Language of instruction: _____</p> <p>8. When did your child first attend a school in the United States? (Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)          _____          Month            Day            Year</p>		

Thank you for providing the information needed on the Home Language Survey. Contact your school district if you have further questions about this form or about services available at your child's school.

**Note to district:** This form is available in multiple languages on <http://www.k12.wa.us/MigrantBilingual/HomeLanguage.aspx>. A response that includes a language other than English to question #2 OR question #3 triggers English language proficiency placement testing. Responses to questions #1 or #4 of a language other than English could prompt further conversation with the family to ensure that #2 and #3 were clearly understood. "Formal education" in #7 does not include refugee camps or other unaccredited educational programs for children.

