

DUAL IMMERSION KINDER INFORMATION

2021-2022



"One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way." - Frank Smith

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF A DUAL IMMERSION PROGRAM?

- 1) high levels of academics
- 2) bilingual/bicultural outcomes
- 3) socio-cultural competence

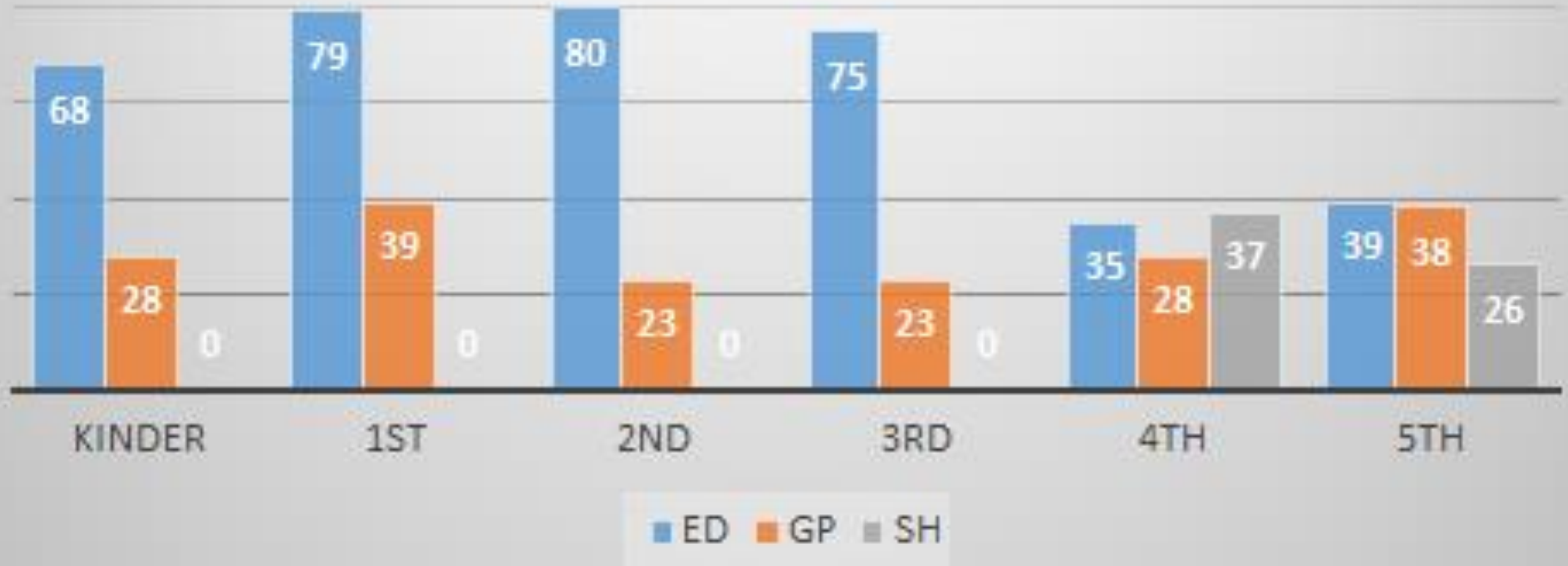
WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF DUAL LANGUAGE?

- Enhanced knowledge of how language works;
- Improved performance on tasks that call for divergent thinking, pattern recognition, and problem solving;
- Enhanced cognitive abilities and memory skills
- Additional knowledge and understanding of one's native language as well as a greater understanding, appreciation, and respect for other languages and cultures;
- Ability to take advantage of opportunities that are available only in other languages;
- Enhanced employment opportunities once school is completed;
- Abilities to communicate in a global and diverse workforce and world.

WHERE ARE THE DUAL KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS FOR 2020-2021 AND HOW ARE THEY CREATED?

- Edison will have (4) sections of dual immersion kindergarten
- Green Park will have (2) sections of dual immersion kindergarten
- Students from both Spanish and English dominant homes are integrated in each class.
- Students are in self-contained classrooms, with a teacher who is fluent in both Spanish and English.

Current Dual Immersion Breakdown- Schools & Grade Levels

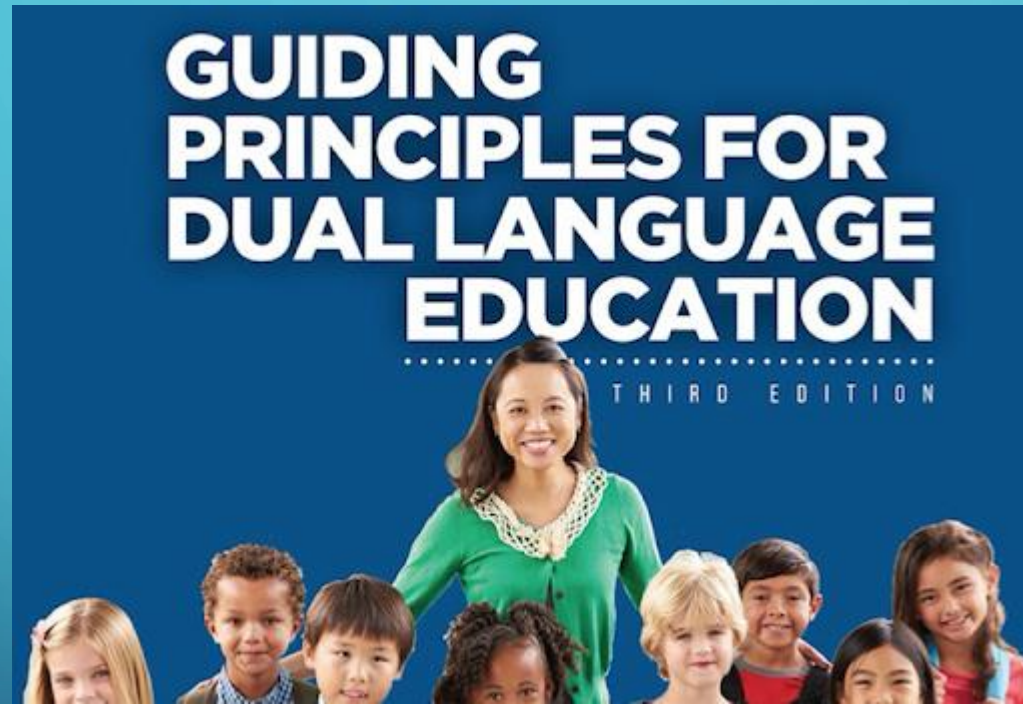


OUR DUAL IMMERSION IS A MODEL THAT BEGINS WITH 80:20 WITH SPANISH: ENGLISH AND GRADUALLY ADDS ENGLISH SO THAT 4TH AND 5TH GRADE ARE 50:50 WITH SPANISH: ENGLISH.

GOALS OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDE: A) HIGH LEVELS OF ACADEMICS, B) BILINGUAL/BICULTURAL AND C) SOCIO-CULTURAL COMPETENCE

Kindergarten	1 st grade	2 nd grade	3 rd grade	4 th grade	5 th grade
80 – Spanish 20 – English	80 – Spanish 20 – English	70 – Spanish 30 – English	60 – Spanish 40 – English	50 – Spanish 50 – English	50 – Spanish 50 – English

ON WHAT RESEARCH IS OUR PROGRAM MODELED?



PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR DUAL LANGUAGE EXPERIENCES

- Read, read, read to and with your children in your strongest language.
- Seek opportunities to explore via human interaction (shows, libraries, community events).
- Get involved with your child's education in both languages.
- Ask questions when you are uncertain (teachers are amazing resources).
- Be in the language: try apps, websites (such as Spanish Playground), sing songs, watch shows together, and check out our webpage.
- Stay positive and patient.

TIMELINE FOR APPLYING FOR DUAL LANGUAGE KINDERGARTEN

Once we receive your dual language application, the Equity and Dual Programs Department will add you to our list of applicants, verify your registration with district kinder registration, and communicate important information to you.

Please note that you must complete the district kindergarten registration, as well as the dual language application. Here are important dates for you to note:

April 1: Attend the Virtual Kindergarten and Early Learning Fair

April 2-16: Fill out Dual Kindergarten Application

April 19: Kindergarten Registration process begins

May 2021: Families will be notified by mail regarding Kindergarten Dual Language Program placement, including school location