

## Frequently Asked Questions- Dual Language Program

**1. What is the goal of the program?**

The goal is to ensure that all students who participate in the program achieve proficiency in both Spanish and English.

**2. What schools offer this program for kindergarten?**

Edison and Green Park

**3. Do I need to open enroll my child if neither of the schools are my neighborhood school?**

No. Families who reside in the Prospect Point attendance area will be prioritized to Green Park's Dual Program. Families who reside in the Berney and Sharpstein attendance areas will be prioritized to Edison's Dual Program.

**4. If we don't start in kindergarten in Dual Language, can we get in later?**

Sometimes special circumstances can allow for a student to enter dual language after kindergarten. However, this is on a case by case basis and would require a conversation with the principal as well as a set of language assessments to ensure the student is prepared for an 80-20 dual model.

**5. Will transportation be provided?**

Transportation will be the responsibility of the family unless a bus route is already in place. You will be notified if transportation is available for your student when your child is accepted into the program.

**6. What are the steps for applying to dual for kindergarten?**

Applications and information can be accessed [here](#). Once you complete the application, the Equity and Dual Programs Department will contact you to set up a specific time for your child's interview.

**7. What are the expectations for us as a family if we join the dual program?**

We ask that you continue to read to your child in the language you speak at home, maintain close communication with your child's teacher about progress and ways to support at home, and be patient and enthusiastic. It takes time for a child to feel comfortable in a classroom setting being taught in a different language.

**8. If we start in the program and we find it isn't a good fit, can we exit and go to another school anytime during the year?**

There are a set of program agreements that families must sign at the point of entry into the program. There is a process for being removed from dual, which requires meetings as well as evidence of why the program is not a fit.

**9. Who do I contact if I have more questions?**

You can call Yolanda Herrera 509.526.6791.