

# DUAL IMMERSION PROGRAM INFORMATION




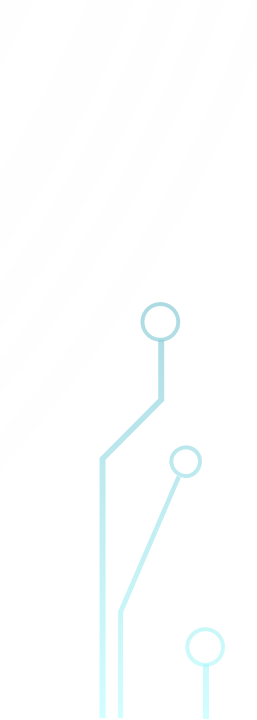
*"One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way." - Frank Smith*

# 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?

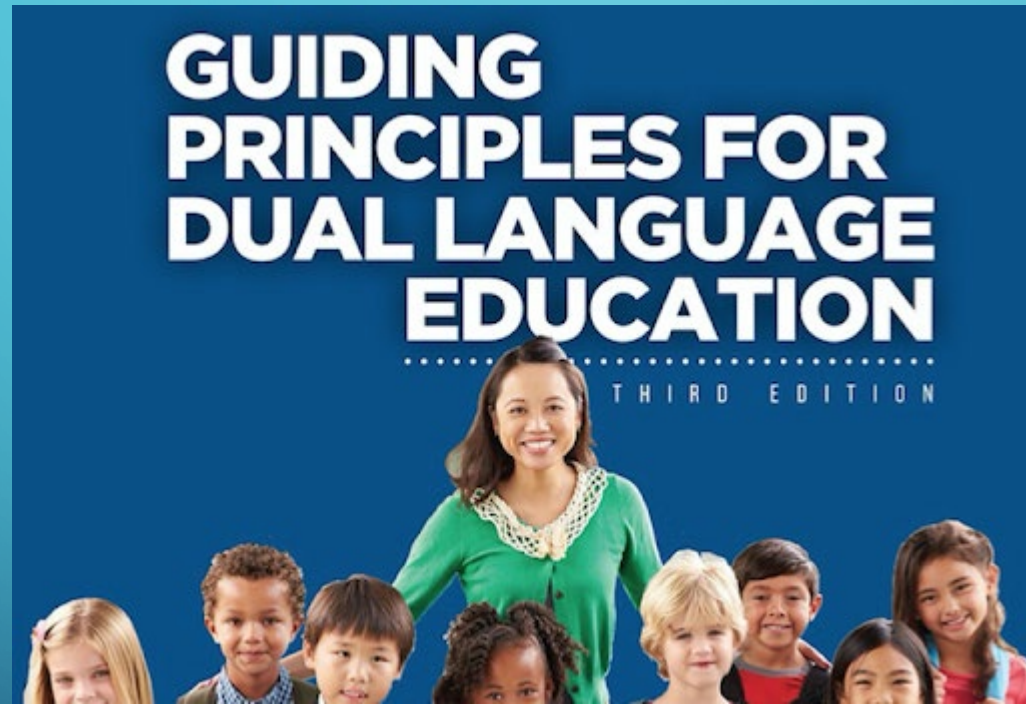
- Edison has (4) sections of dual immersion kindergarten
- Green Park has (2) sections of dual immersion kindergarten
- Students from both Spanish and English dominant homes are integrated in each class.
- Students are in self-contained classrooms, with a teacher who is fluent in both Spanish and English.

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 <sup>st</sup> grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	5 <sup>th</sup> 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.
- Check our webpage for resources
- Attend family events