

Fallbrook Union Elementary School District

"Connecting students with our world"



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Language Programs:

Dual Immersion

Mandarin Enrichment
International Scholars

"Bringing 21st Century language and learning opportunities to all students"



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DUAL IMMERSION

Q: What is the objective of a dual immersion language program?

A: To provide a learning pathway which will enable students to gain grade level academic proficiencies in both English and Spanish and develop fluent language skills in both English and Spanish.

Q: What are the key features of a dual immersion program classroom?

A: There is a fairly equal balance of native English-speaking students and native Spanish-speaking students. The students will typically receive lessons from two teachers; one providing academic instruction in English, and the other providing academic instruction in Spanish. All students in the program will receive language arts instruction in English with other subject matter such as science taught in Spanish. State of California subject matter content standards guide all core content area instruction.

Q: How can a Spanish dual immersion program best be described?

A: Dual Immersion education is an exciting and Innovative program in which children develop the ability to speak, read, and write in English and in Spanish. Dual language programs use two languages for literacy and content instruction for all students. The program provides the same academic content and standards as other educational programs while providing instruction in two languages over an extended period of time, typically kindergarten through 6th grade.

In this program, children will learn in stimulating and creative ways leading to language proficiency in both English and Spanish. All students in the program will receive instruction founded in California content standards and supported by state adopted textbooks and materials. Knowledge of more than one language and culture is becoming increasingly important for our children's full participation in a culturally and linguistically diverse world. Participating students will receive 50% of their daily instruction in both English

and Spanish.

MANDARIN LANGUAGE ENRICHMENT

Q: What is the objective of a Mandarin language enrichment program?

A: To provide a learning pathway which enable students to gain language proficiencies in Mandarin alongside the development of their grade level content skills.

Q: What are the key features of a Mandarin enrichment program classroom?

A: The class will be comprised of students whose parent request their placement in this program. The students will receive grade level core content lessons from their assigned classroom teacher. Mandarin instruction will be provided through a combination of teaching strategies and methods including lessons presented by the classroom teacher, native Mandarin speaking instructional assistants, technology based distance learning and collaboration with San Diego State University. All students in the program will receive grade level core content instruction in English with Mandarin enrichment provided as an additional subject matter. Mandarin instruction will not be conducted in isolation of other grade level content material, but will be integrated with other classroom themes and subject matter to provide learning connections for students. State of California World Language Standards will guide Mandarin instruction in the classroom.

Q: Why should students learn Mandarin Chinese?

- Mandarin has been identified by the U.S. government as a priority language
- Mandarin is a tonal/character language. Learning Latin-based alphabetic languages <u>and</u> tonal/character languages stimulates both sides of the brain (Latin= left, tonal=right).
- Mandarin is the most challenging language to learn!
- Students who speak English, Spanish and Mandarin can communicate with 75% of the world's population.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

In this program, teachers weave the introduction of a variety of global languages, cultures, traditions, and geography into the classroom curriculum. Each grade level studies particular themes related to different countries and integrated with the core subjects throughout the school year. Multiculturalism and global awareness are strongly emphasized. Students participate in a wide variety of learning experiences which are designed to support their grade level content learning in fun, interesting and diverse ways. For the 2010-2011 school year, all Fallbrook Union Elementary School District students will receive International Scholars Program elements within their grade level educational.

Q: How do I enroll my child in one of the language programs?

A: No steps are necessary for the International Scholars program as all Fallbrook Union Elementary School District schools participate. For both the Dual Immersion and Mandarin Enrichment programs, parents/ guardians should complete a Program Selection Parent Choice Form, available in the reception area of each school office.

