Why Dual Immersion?

Research shows, learning a second language is easier the younger one is. The benefits of dual language are:

- Higher self-esteem and self confidence
- Increased cognitive stimulation
- Increased problem-solving skills and creativity
- Fewer disciplinary referrals
- Higher levels of engagement
- Appreciation for diversity

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Dual Language Immersion Programs develop bilingual and biliterate students who are ready for the globalized world.
Biliteracy Awards

Students participating in Dual Language Immersion have the opportunity to work towards various California State Biliteracy Pathway Awards, including the prestigious California State Seal of Biliteracy.

Biliteracy Pathway Awards for Kindergarten through grade 8 students include:

- Biliteracy Program Participation
- Biliteracy Attainment Recognition
- Home Language Development Recognition

The State Seal of Biliteracy is a recognition by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for graduating high school seniors who have attained an elevated level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English.

Program Design

The program focuses on the academic success of students as they develop two languages: Spanish and English. This is a continuation of the elementary program DLI students have transferred from. Core content areas will be taught in Spanish and English with an opportunity to expand their cultural awareness through enrichment activities through clubs and school-wide events.

Who can enroll?

Students who have been enrolled in an elementary DLI program from Kindergarten to grade 6 are eligible to enroll. Additionally, Spanish-speaking students who are newcomers to the US education system (3 years or less) with mid to strong literacy skills in Spanish are welcome to join.

Transportation from Madison Elementary

DLI students who formerly attended Madison Elementary’s DLI program will be provided with transportation from Madison Elementary.

Middle School Programs & Services

Student Outreach
- Mentor programs
- PBIS: positive behaviors & school safety
- EAOP: Early Academic Outreach for college-bound students

Enrichment
- School Clubs
- Cultural Celebrations

Athletics
- Fall & Spring sports for boys and girls
  - Flag Football
  - Volleyball
  - Cheerleading
  - Basketball
  - Soccer
  - Track & Field

Academic Support
- Tutoring
- Spanish/English support in content area courses