

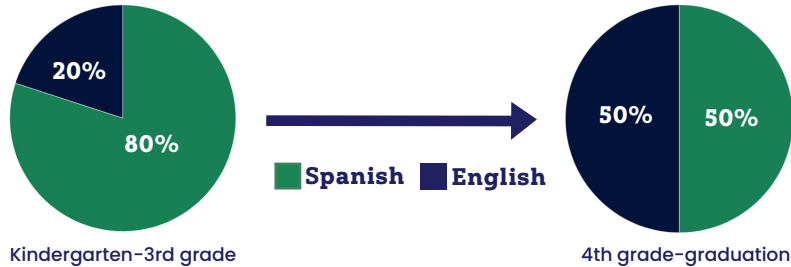
**WHY
BILINGUAL
EDUCATION
IS RIGHT
FOR YOUR
CHILD**



**WEST VIEW DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION:
A COMMUNITY WITHIN A COMMUNITY**

WHAT IS A DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM?

In West View's Dual Language Immersion program, students learn in two languages: both English and Spanish. From kindergarten to third grade, students are taught 80% in Spanish and 20% in English, allowing them to develop literacy and speaking abilities in both languages. Instruction then



transitions to 50% Spanish and 50% English in fourth grade. The model of our program enables students to develop proficiency in both languages, strengthen academic learning and achievement, and cultivate an understanding and appreciation of different cultures.



THE BENEFITS OF BILINGUALISM

"Before the Dual Language program, my daughter could only use small words to talk with her grandparents. She is in her second year in the program and can now speak small sentences comfortably. She is even teaching me more Spanish! She seems much more interested in school, she loves the program, and the teachers are amazing!"

- Gabriella Madrigal, bilingual parent



Proficiency in both languages *(Spanish & English)*

- Enhanced understanding of primary language
- Faster acquisition of secondary language

Intercultural competence

- Greater awareness and respect for other cultures
- Exposure to diversity and inclusivity



Enhanced cognitive skills

- Improved working memory and attention span
- Better problem-solving skills and flexibility

Greater academic achievement

- Improvement in abilities in other school subjects
- Stronger and more developed literacy skills

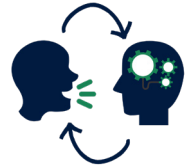


Higher employability

- Company preferences for bilinguals
- Increased possibilities for higher salary

Improved communication skills

- Emotional, social, and behavioral competence
- Communicate with native speakers



BOTH TEACHERS & PARENTS RECOMMEND OUR PROGRAM!

"We have built a wonderful cohort of students and families who support one another and really feel like a community even within West View Elementary."

- Katie Strohm Morales, kindergarten dual-language teacher

"I think learning how to read in Spanish first set the foundation for learning in English. My daughter is a high achiever, and I credit the Dual Language Immersion program for instilling these basics to make learning more fun and interesting."

- Monique Mitchell, parent

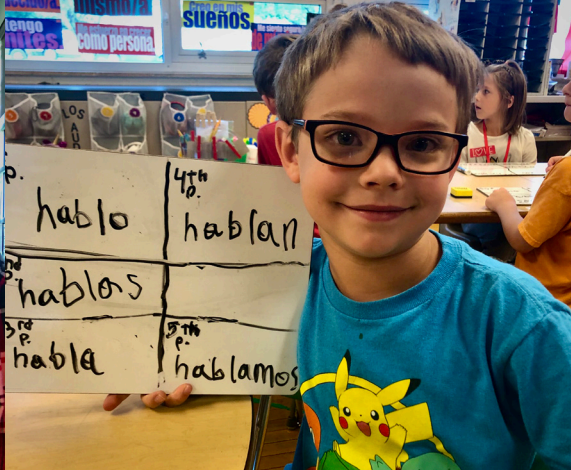
"I highly recommend the program to anyone, even if your child is not of Hispanic descent. Watching them learn to process and translate at such an early age is amazing."

- Gisela Hernández, bilingual parent



"Having a program that makes sure students are introduced to diversity helps broaden them and prepare them for a more global experience. The ability to speak two languages, particularly one as prevalent as Spanish, opens up doors for them. Bilingual individuals have an advantage against other applicants for scholarships, educational opportunities, and jobs."

- Kathy Ramos, 1st grade dual-language teacher



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Are you interested in the program? Visit westview.muncie.k12.in.us to learn more or email Principal Eric Ambler with any questions. To apply to the program, fill out the English or Spanish application linked in the QR codes.

Spanish



English



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