



## Open to All Kindergarten Students

The Goshen Community Schools Dual Language Spanish Immersion Program strives to enroll students of all backgrounds and ability levels. Applications are open to all students entering kindergarten.

### Spanish Dual Language Immersion Kindergarten Program Goals

*Students will:*

- develop bilingualism, biliteracy, and biculturalism in Spanish and English.
- achieve grade level or higher academic progress in Spanish and English.
- participate in a rigorous academic program that will increase student achievement, and prepare students for a global society.
- demonstrate positive cross-cultural attitudes and behaviors

#### **Registration Dates:**

*Exclusively for Waterford Families:*  
March 7<sup>th</sup> –March 15<sup>th</sup>

*District Families: Begins March 16<sup>th</sup>*

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*Spanish Dual Language  
Immersion Program*



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## Dual Language Two-Way Immersion

### What is a Two-Way Immersion Program?

The Dual Language Two-Way Immersion Program at Waterford Elementary School provides kindergarten students with the opportunity to begin a journey toward bilingualism, biliteracy, and biculturalism, in English and Spanish. The Dual Language Two-Way Immersion Program serves both native English speakers and native Spanish speakers.

### The Dual Language 50/50 Model

We use the 50/50 model with two teachers. One teacher instructs exclusively in Spanish for half of the day, and the other teacher instructs exclusively in English the other half of the day.

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*“Students who participate in these programs gain grade level academic ability, well-developed language and literacy skills in two languages, and cross-cultural competence” (The Education Alliance)*

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### How do the teachers work together?

The English speaking teacher uses half of the instruction day to teach English language arts as well as science, social studies, and mathematics.

The Spanish speaking teacher uses the other half of the day to teach Spanish literacy, mathematics and portions of social studies and science.

All lesson planning is a collaborative effort between the English Teacher and the Spanish Teacher.



### The Benefits of Dual Language Immersion

- **Language Skills:** Students achieve high proficiency in the immersion language, and a deeper understanding of their primary language.
- **Cognitive Skills:** Students in immersion programs typically develop better critical thinking skills and problem-solving skills.
- **Cultural Competency:** Immersion students develop an appreciation for and an understanding of diverse cultures.
- **Long-Term Benefits:** Immersion students are better prepared for the global community and job markets where bilingualism and biliteracy are assets.