

Olathe Public Schools Dual Language Immersion Program



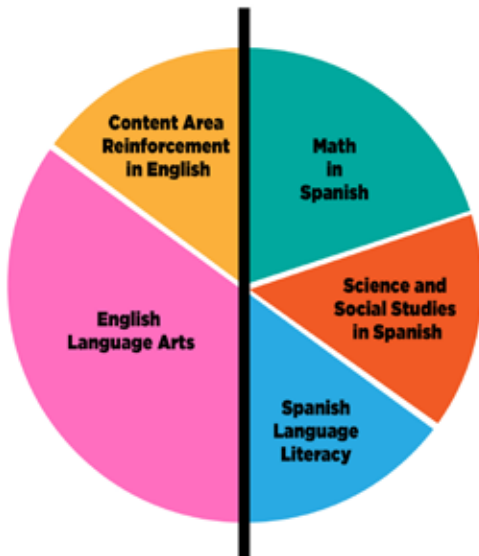
Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, the Olathe Public Schools will offer a dual language immersion program at two elementary schools: Black Bob and Manchester Park schools.

Students will spend half of their day learning in English and half of their day learning in Spanish. Students will learn science, social studies, and math in both Spanish and English throughout the day. Students will start in kindergarten and learn to read and write in two languages as they progress through elementary school. Each subsequent year after the 2020-2021 school year, a Spanish immersion teacher will be added to the next grade level as students continue in the program throughout elementary school.

Research shows that students who take part in an immersion classroom consistently develop native-like levels of comprehension, such as listening and reading skills, in their second language. Olathe is excited to provide this opportunity to our students.



Olathe Spanish Dual Language Immersion Instructional Time: Kindergarten



- Math in Spanish
- Science and Social Studies in Spanish
- Spanish Language Literacy
- English Language Arts
- Content Area Reinforcement in English
(Math, Science and Social Studies)

*Specials are taught in English
(Physical Education, Music, Art, etc.)*





Enrollment:

Incoming kindergarten students interested in being a part of the immersion program will enter an application into a lottery system. Some seats will be saved for students living in the elementary attendance area of Black Bob and Manchester Park and other seats will be open to families wanting to transfer into the program. Interested families can enter their name in the lottery by filling out an application at <http://www.olatheschools.org/immersion> between March 1-27, 2020.

Questions? Contact Michael Flenthrope, District Coordinator for ELL & World Languages at mgflenthrope@olatheschools.org

Want to learn more about the Olathe Public Schools Immersion program?

- Visit www.olatheschools.org/immersion to check out more information including Frequently Asked Questions.
- Take part in a Parent Information Night. Information nights are scheduled for: Wednesday, March 4 at 6 p.m. or Thursday, March 12 at 6 p.m. at the Olathe Public Schools Education Center, 14160 S. Black Bob Road, Olathe.
- Be sure to fill out an application to have your incoming kindergartner added in the lottery between March 1-27 at www.olatheschools.org/immersion.



Notification Statement of Non-discrimination:

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