

Dual Immersion Program at Lynwood

Dual Immersion Vision

The NUSD Dual Immersion Program at Lynwood will provide an enriched education, allowing each student to develop the knowledge and skills needed to become a productive and engaged member of our diverse global community.



We will honor our students' languages and cultures as they learn together and:

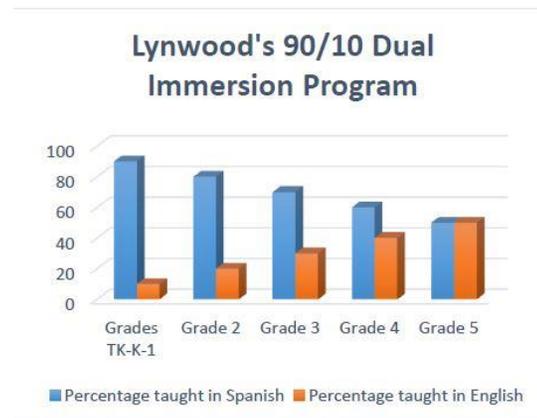
- meet or exceed grade level standards
- become proficient at reading, writing, and speaking Spanish and English
- become culturally competent

Staff, students, and families will hold high expectations for each member of our school community, work together to support each other, foster the development of our program, and celebrate our achievements.

What is NUSD's Dual Immersion (DI) program at Lynwood?

The Dual Immersion Program at Lynwood is designed to nurture foundational skills to become proficient at reading, writing and speaking in both Spanish and English as well as promoting a love of multiculturalism. Students will learn the same grade level content and standards as all NUSD elementary students.

Curriculum instruction across the subjects will be conducted in Spanish 90% of the time and English 10% of the time for entry grades (Transitional Kindergarten (T), Kindergarten (K), and First). This balance will shift 10% each year (e.g., 80/20 in 2nd grade up to 50/50 in 5th grade).



When and where will it be?

Starting in the 2018-19 school year, Lynwood Elementary will begin the transition of becoming a Dual Immersion (DI) School at Lynwood starting with all TK, K, and 1st grade students. 2nd grade will be added in 2019-20, 3rd grade in 2020-21, etc. until 2022-23 when the entire school is fully a dual immersion school.

Who can attend?

Students who reside in the Lynwood attendance area will be given first priority for enrollment.

Families outside the Lynwood attendance area may submit an inter-district and intra-district transfer application for the DI program. Acceptance is based on space availability and every effort will be made to keep siblings together at one school site.

How can I learn more about DI?



Please visit our informational webpage at <http://nUSD.org/committees/dual-immersion-committee/> or scan the QR code.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Is there evidence of high-quality DI programs' effectiveness? Yes, the research base of strong DI programs covers over 30 years of experience. Over 150 DI schools exist in California and over 500 in the USA.
2. Why use a 90/10 model? Students from English-speaking households are more likely to retain **lingual and biliterate** abilities into adulthood in a 90/10 model, compared to a 50/50 model. In addition, the 90/10 model is the ideal model for a student population with a balance of home languages, similar to Lynwood's existing population.
3. How does less instructional time in English help English language Learners? Explicit instruction in one academic language and literacy skill aids acquisition of a second language.
4. What special qualifications do DI teachers need? Teachers must hold a Spanish BCLAD, BILA, or comparable international certification.
5. How can parents' best support students in a DI program? Regular support meetings will be hosted by DI staff members to help families with strategies for supporting their child. Students' family members who wish to learn Spanish or English alongside their child will be provided with resources to grow their own second language skills.

To learn more about the program and attend a school tour, please call the Lynwood office at 415-897-4161.

Why offer a Dual Immersion Program?



Some of the benefits include:

- Greater cognitive flexibility
- Increased cultural competency
- Broader long-term employment options and earning potential
- Student achievement that meets or exceeds student performance in traditional programs
- Closing the achievement gap, especially for English Language Learners (ELLs)
- Strengthening the home language accelerates acquisition of a second (or third...) language
- ELLs' English development outperforms ELLs in traditional or pull-out English language development.

Dual Immersion Key Dates:

<u>12/1/17</u>	TK/Kindergarten Registration Opens
<u>12/11/17</u>	Dual Immersion Program Community Information Meeting at 6 p.m. in the Lynwood Multi-Purpose Room
<u>3/5/18</u>	Intradistrict Applications and Lynwood School Selection Forms Due
<u>3/19/18</u>	Status of Intradistrict Applications and Lynwood School Selection Forms will be communicated to parents/guardians by this date.
<u>4/2/18</u>	If Intradistrict Application or School Selection Form approved, parent/guardian must respond by this date.
<u>June 2018</u>	Lotteries will take place before the end of the 2017-18 school year. Students' language levels will also be screened.

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