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Uniting Our World

Dual Language Program

Uniting Our World Through Global Learning

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At Participate Learning we partner with school organizations to build dual language education programs in Spanish or Mandarin Chinese that create an **authentic, immersive, and equitable learning experience for students.**

What's in it for your students?

- **Grade-level academic achievement:** Dual language students show great gains and increased performance on standardized tests in reading and math.
- **Biliteracy** (reading and writing in both languages) and **bilingualism** (listening and speaking in both languages).
- **Socio-cultural competence:** Dual language students demonstrate positive multicultural attitudes and behaviors and have a deep appreciation and understanding of their own culture.
- **Enhanced cognitive skills:** Dual language students typically develop greater cognitive flexibility, showing increased memory, superior problem-solving skills, and better attention control as well as an enhanced understanding of their primary language.
- **Improved self-esteem:** Being able to communicate and excel academically in two languages gives dual language students greater self-esteem and a sense of accomplishment.
- **Preparation for a global society and marketplace:** Dual language students are better prepared to be leaders in a global community and to succeed in the 21st-century marketplace.



Language Learning and Immersion

Our dual language programs feature rigorous implementation, as well as quality programming and instructional support. Programs can take either of the following two forms:

Full immersion model

90 percent of instruction is delivered in the target language: Spanish or Mandarin.

Grade	Target Language	English
Kindergarten	90%	10%
1st Grade	90%	10%
2nd Grade	80%	20%
3rd Grade	75%	25%
4th Grade	75%	25%
5th Grade	75%	25%

50/50 model

Instruction is balanced between the target language and English.

Grade	Target Language	English
Kindergarten	50%	50%
1st Grade	50%	50%
2nd Grade	50%	50%
3rd Grade	50%	50%
4th Grade	50%	50%
5th Grade	50%	50%

What's in it for you?

Our model is aligned with the Center for Applied Linguistics' (CAL) seven strands for successful dual language programs and includes the following services:

Program structure

Our model is designed to support the three core goals of dual language education: grade-level academic achievement, bilingualism and biliteracy, and sociocultural competence.

Instruction

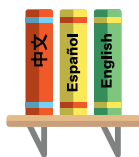
The teachers in our dual language programs are trained in instructional practices that align to research-based principles of dual language education.

Staff quality and professional development

Our team recruits and supports expert dual language teachers and provides performance monitoring, coaching, and access to high-quality professional development through online communities of practice.

Support and resources

Our team provides important strategic support at both the district and school levels to help develop a comprehensive K-12 plan to ensure that the program is sustainable at all grade levels, including planning for future staffing and resource needs.



Students **speak, listen, read, and write** in both English and the target language (Spanish or Mandarin Chinese).



Curriculum

We support schools with curriculum maps, hundreds of standards-aligned digital literacy resources, and exemplar lessons to guide teachers in their instruction.

Assessment and accountability

We support schools in using methods that assess both language and academic student progress. These measures include access to an online platform with robust assessment and data analytics tools, as well as helping schools coordinate ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL) testing and formative benchmark assessments in reading, math, and science.

Family and community

We provide our partner schools and districts with marketing materials (both in print and digitally) to support their community dual language advocacy and student recruitment efforts.



Students develop enhanced cognitive skills that support **academic achievement** in all content areas.



Students are **prepared to be leaders** in our culturally diverse and interconnected world.

Impact of a Participate Learning Partnership



Students in our dual language programs **consistently score higher on EOG tests** than their peers who are not in programs.*



Students in our dual language programs **outperform the state average** on target language proficiency exams.**

Subject	Dual Language		Non-Dual Language	
	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
Average score	79.7% (12.44)	85.4% (14.89)	62.5% (14.08)	70.8% (14.00)

* Table from 2018 AR, page 19 / ** Table from 2018 AR, page 21

Participate Learning: your partner for comprehensive dual language immersion support, from **teacher recruitment** to **curriculum, assessment,** and **data analysis.**

Ready to experience the benefits of a dual language program in your school?

Join hundreds of schools who are part of our dual language programs by contacting partnerships@participatelearning.com or by visiting participatelearning.com.



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