

Description

Dual Language programs are a type of Bilingual Education program that provide students instruction in an immersion setting. These programs enable students to engage in a learning environment that develops bilingualism, biliteracy, and cultural understanding among English Learners and non-English Learners. All CPS Dual Language programs currently offer instruction in **Spanish** and **English**.

There are two types of Dual Language programs offered to K-8 students: **one-way** and **two-way programs**. **Specific details about both program types can be found below.** In both types of Dual Language programs, students receive core instruction (language arts, math, science, social science) through a second language with the goal of all students becoming bilingual and biliterate in both Spanish and English. In addition to core instruction, all ELs enrolled in a Dual Language Program receive English Language Development instruction, and all native-English-speaking students receive Language Development instruction in the partner language (e.g., Spanish Language Development) to improve their proficiency in the new language. Students also have the opportunity to continue Dual Language programming in **high school** (at **Back of the Yards HS, Roosevelt HS, and Schurz HS**) so that they have a greater opportunity to develop literacy skills and fluency in both languages.

One-Way Programs

One-way dual language programs provide instruction in two languages and are primarily intended to serve English Learners (ELs). Because one-way programs are designed with the needs of ELs in mind, **selections for these programs will prioritize ELs who speak Spanish (or another Romance language)**. Applicants who do not speak a Romance language may not be eligible to receive an offer.

Schools With One-Way Programs

School	Grades	School	Grades	School	Grades
Avondale-Logandale	K-6	Eberhart	K-6	Salazar	K-6
Azuela	K-8	Edwards	K-8	Sandoval	K-5
Barry	K-6	Funston	K-6	Schubert	K-5
Belmont- Cragin	K-8	Hibbard	K-6	Spry ES	K-8
Calmecca	K-8	Hurley	K-8	Stowe	K-8
Carson	K-8	Mozart	K-8	Tarkington	K-5
Cleveland	K-7	Nixon	K-6	Telpochcalli	K-8
Cooper	K-8	Nobel	K-8	Volta	K-8
Davis N	K-4	Prieto	K-7	Whittier	K-8

Two-Way Programs

Two-way dual language programs aim for a **50:50 balance of ELs and non-ELs** in the classroom. Students are placed into selection queues based on their primary language, with seats allocated across these queues to maintain a balanced classroom. Within the Romance language queue, ELs receive priority. Students serve as language models to each other as they acquire the second language. For students applying to grades 3 and above, Spanish proficiency is necessary for students to be successful in the program.

Schools With Two-Way Programs

School	Grades	School	Grades	School	Grades
Bateman	K-8	Goethe	K-6	Sabin	K-8
Chase	K-8	Inter-American	K-8	Talcott	K-8
Darwin	K-8	Moos	K-8	Von Linne	K-8

FAQ's

- **My child is an English Learner but not a Spanish speaker. Should I consider applying to two-way Dual Language programs?** Yes, you can apply. These programs are open to all students.
- **I live in the attendance area of a school with a Dual Language program. Do I need to apply?** No. If you are interested in enrolling your student in a Dual Language program that is housed in your neighborhood school, please contact the school directly for next steps. However, please note that students must meet the program's language requirements in order to enroll.

- **My student already attends Dual Language PreK at a CPS school. Can they continue in the program for kindergarten?** If your student attends Inter-American or their neighborhood school, they can continue without applying. Otherwise, families must submit a GoCPS application.
- **Where can I learn more about Dual Language Programs?** Please visit the Office of Multilingual-Multicultural Education (OMME) website or contact OMME at 773-553-1930 or OMME@CPS.EDU.