

Ladera Palma Dual Immersion Academy

Questions & Answers about the Program

What is the Dual Immersion model implemented at Ladera Palma?

La Habra City School District is implementing the 90:10 model. This model uses English 10% and the target language (Spanish) for 90 % of the time throughout the duration of Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten. At Ladera Palma, students are taught in English for 10% of the school day and in Spanish the other 90% of the day. In First Grade, the ratio changes to 80:20; in Second Grade it changes to 70:30; and in Third Grade, the ratio changes to 60:40. Finally, from Fourth to Eighth Grade, the ratio remains at 50:50 ensuring students receive a bilingual and bi-literate educational experience throughout their years enrolled in our program.

Do students have to live within La Habra City School District to participate in the Ladera Palma Dual Immersion program?

No, students do not have to live in the school district to participate in the program. However, there is a registration process and parents who are interested in enrolling their child should contact Ladera Palma School at (562)690-2348.

What are the criteria for students to be in a Dual Immersion Program?

Potential Dual Immersion students will be placed into the program based upon parent choice and available space. Preference will be based upon the time of registration in La Habra City and attendance at parent meetings. Additionally, as a Two-Way Dual Immersion Program, language profiles are balanced.

Will my child fall behind academically or will they become confused as they learn grade level standards along with two languages during the school year?

According to current research, students in Dual Immersion Programs score on par or at higher levels than their peers on reading, writing, math, science, and social science tests. While some students may initially struggle with learning grade level standards in two languages, in time students become bilingual and bi-literate. Students enjoy learning and studying through two languages and also develop high levels of self-esteem.

Can you include English learners of a language other than Spanish in a Spanish/English Dual Immersion Program?

English learners in a Spanish/English Dual Immersion Program should be Spanish speakers. However, speakers of other languages who are proficient in either Spanish or English could be eligible for enrollment in the program.

Where can I get more information on Dual Immersion Programs?

Two of the most extensive Web sites on two-way programs are the Center for Applied Linguistic (Outside Source) and the National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition and Language Instruction Education (Outside Source).