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Dual Language Program

Un mundo
dos idiomas

One World Two Languages — Un mundo dos idiomas



Vision & Mission

The VISION of the Northside Independent School District Bilingual/ESL Department is:

To be acknowledged as the exemplary Bilingual/ESL program in Texas.

Our MISSION is that:

We build upon and value the linguistic, academic, and cultural experiences of students and families through bilingual, dual language, and ESL programs that develop mastery of the English language and academic excellence.

Goals

Students will achieve or exceed Northside and Texas standards in all academic subjects.

Students will achieve high levels of literacy (written and oral) in both Spanish and English and be fluent in both languages by the end of 5th grade.

Students will develop an understanding and appreciation of both cultures.

Curriculum

The Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) are the foundation for Northside's concept-based curriculum as well as instruction in all content areas at all grade levels. Northside's concept-based curriculum supports students in making meaningful connections across content areas.

KEY COMPONENTS

Commitment to the program

Students and their families are expected to make a minimum six-year commitment to the Dual Language Program.

Classroom Composition

The optimum classroom is 50% English speakers and 50% Spanish speakers.

Language Separation

Instructional delivery is monolingual at all times. Teachers do not use translation for comprehension.

Bilingual Staff Highly Qualified

Teachers are fluent and highly literate in the target language.

Parent Involvement

An integral part of the program, parents are expected to:

- Commit to a six-year program.
- Volunteer in activities to promote the Program.
- Work with their child(ren) at home
- Encourage the child(ren)'s second language learning efforts.
- Provide reading materials in two languages at home.
- Attend Dual Language functions
- Grow in the knowledge of Dual Language Education by reviewing research articles on Dual Language Education.

