



## PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

Parents support students in reaching goals by supporting daily attendance, volunteering, and participating in the decision-making process as active members in the parent advisory committee.

Parents are recommended to enroll their child in the Dual Language Immersion Program, beginning with Kindergarten and continuing throughout their attendance at Clarkdale.

## About Us

Clarkdale Elementary School is very excited to bring a Dual Language Program which offers a rich bilingual experience for young learners which their minds are developmentally best able to acquire a second language.

Students will spend half of the day with the Spanish speaking teacher learning Math, Science, Social Studies, and some Spanish phonics. The other half of the day will be spent with the English speaking teacher learning English Language Arts with Science and Social Studies integrated throughout lessons to reinforce what is being taught in the target language (Spanish).



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# Dual Language Immersion Program

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Cobb County School  
District



“Where Unity Builds  
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## Dual Language Immersion Program

### PURPOSE

To develop and prepare student with linguistic and academic competencies in two languages, to be highly engaged and contributing global citizens.

### PROGRAM GOALS

All Dual Language Immersion students will become bilingual, biliterate and develop positive cross-cultural attitudes and behaviors.

### DEFINITION

The Dual Language Immersion Program integrated native Spanish-speaking students and native English speaking students. Instruction is provided in both native language and English. This specialized program promotes bilingualism, biliteracy, grade-level academic achievement, and positive cross-cultural awareness.

## Why language immersion?

### Second language skills:

Students achieve high proficiency in the immersion language.

### Improved Performance on Standardized Tests:

Immersion students perform as well as or better than non-immersion students on standardized tests of English and Math administered in English.

### Enhanced Cognitive Skills:

Language Immersion students typically develop greater cognitive flexibility, demonstration increased attention control, better memory, and superior problem solving skills as well as enhanced understanding of their primary language.

### Increased Cultural Sensitivity:

Language Immersion students are more aware of and show more positive attitudes towards other cultures and an appreciation of other people.

### Long Term Benefits:

Language Immersion students are better prepared for the global community and job markets where a second language is an asset.



## Why Spanish?

Students who learn Spanish perform better on standardized tests sine more than 50% of modern-day English words trace their origins to Spanish. This means that Spans has a relative quick learning curve who boosts a student's confidence.

Spanish opens doors to many domestic and international career opportunities.

### Who can participate?

The Dual Language Immersion Program seeks to enroll students of varying backgrounds and all abilities. Enrollment is open to all student entering kindergarten.

For information about enrolling your child in the Dual Language Program, please contact an administrator listed on the front of the pamphlet.