

The Newhall School District
is now offering a **Dual Language Immersion Program**
for Kindergarten and 1st grade for the 2019-2020 school year!

What is Dual Immersion?

In a dual immersion program, students will learn in Spanish for half of the day and in English for the other half. Fifty percent of the students in the class will be native Spanish speakers, and the rest of the students will be native English speakers.

What are the benefits of learning two languages?

- Development of strong native language skills supports the development of a second language.
- Some studies indicate an increase in brain development for students who learn two or more languages.
- There are potential long-term career benefits for adults who are biliterate (fluent in reading and writing of two languages).

Want to learn more?

Call the district office at 661-291-4000 or visit your school's office. Applications will be taken between January 18th and February 8th. Apply through the link on the district website. Staff are available to assist with the application process.





Newhall School District
Dual Language Immersion Program
2019 – 2020

Thank you for your interest in the Newhall School District's Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program. Enrollment in this program will be done using a lottery system. Although the program will be open to families outside of the district, Newhall residents will have priority.

Eligibility for this program requires the following:

1. Complete the registration & enrollment for your student's school of residence beginning January 18, 2019, and submit packet to home school site **AND**;

Complete Dual Immersion Program Application

Applications will be available online beginning January 18, 2019. The program will be available to students entering Kindergarten or Gr 1 for the 2019-2020 school year. You may go to your school site and apply online if you need assistance. Students must turn five on or before September 1, 2019. **Applications must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m., February 8, 2019.**

2. For students entering Grade 1 for the 2019-20 school year, if your child attended Kindergarten in NSD, please complete the Dual Immersion Program Application. You may apply online at your school site if you need assistance. **Applications must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m., February 8, 2019.**
3. **Completed Enrollment will be verified by District staff. If the student has not been enrolled for his/her school of residence, or registration is not verified as complete by the school site, the dual immersion application will not be entered into the lottery.**

Additional important information:

- Optimally, half of the spaces in the Dual Immersion Kindergarten and Grade 1 program are reserved for students whose first language is English, and half are reserved for students whose first language is Spanish. Families who indicate that their home language is Spanish will need to have their student complete a brief language activity to verify their Spanish language dominance.
- Spaces will be filled by lottery
- The lottery will be held on **March 14, 2019** at the District Office. The families selected to participate in the program will be notified by phone/email starting March 14th. Parents will have until March 19th to accept program placement and complete the NSD Open Enrollment form if Old Orchard is not their school of residence.

- For those families who are not selected, your child will be placed on a wait list and you will be notified if placement becomes available in the Dual Immersion Language Program for the 2019-2020 year.

Dual Language Immersion Timeline

January 14, 2019	Parent Informational Meeting	Old Orchard 6:00 pm
January 15, 2019	Parent Informational Meeting	Old Orchard 8:30 am
January 16, 2019	Parent Informational Meeting	Newhall 8:30 am and 6:00 pm
January 18, 2019	Enrollment Packets for Kindergarten are available at your home school	
January 18, 2019	Dual Language Immersion Application Available for Kindergarten and Grade 1	Online, link is on the district webpage. School sites will have computers and assistance available
January 31, 2019	NSD Open House-Dual Language Session Onsite application available	Old Orchard 6:00 pm
March 14, 2019	Lottery	District Office 9:00 am
March 14-15	Parents notified	By phone and email
March 19, 2019	Parent commitment forms and open enrollment forms due	
August 2019	Dual Immersion Orientation Meeting for Students and Parents	Old Orchard