DUAL IMMERSION

Parent Registration Meeting
Granite School District
What is Dual Language Immersion?

- Students learn academic content through a second language.

- Students learn a second language by encountering and using the language in multiple meaningful contexts.

- Focus on building proficiency—being able to use the language—not just on teaching grammar.

Give your child the gift of a second language
Why?

• The **optimal window** for language acquisition is in the elementary years
• Forty years of **research** documents the power of immersion programs
• Least expensive language instruction with the **most proficiency**
Myths & Facts

Myths

• Learning two languages overwhelms, confuses, and/or delays acquisition of English.

• Native English speakers will experience academic and language delays if enrolled in dual immersion programs.

Facts: based on research

• Young children are capable of learning two languages. Early dual immersion instruction
  – does not delay the acquisition or development of either language
  – does not impede academic achievement in English when both languages are supported

• English speakers continue to progress at a similar rate in academic ability with their peers in monolingual classes while acquiring a second language.
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• Total English immersion is the best way for a young English Language Learner (ELL) to acquire English.

Fact: based on research

• More English does not mean better English.

• ELL children taught in English-only classrooms don’t achieve as high of levels of English as those who learned in two languages.

• ELL children who receive systematic learning opportunities in their home language outperform those who attend English-only programs on measures of academic achievement in English during the middle and high school years.
Former English Learners’ Grade 11 Reading Achievement by Elementary School Program

[Bar chart showing national percentile for ESL Pull-out, ESL Content, Transitional Bilingual, and Dual Immersion programs.]
138 Utah Dual Programs

- 73 Spanish
- 38 Chinese
- 19 French
- 6 Portuguese
- 2 German
Granite District Program Locations

13 elementary schools
- Chinese: Calvin Smith
- Chinese: Spring Lane
- French: Diamond Ridge
- French: Morningside
- Spanish: Mill Creek
- Spanish: Monroe
- Spanish: Valley Crest
- Spanish: Vista
- Spanish: William Penn
- Spanish: Granger
- Spanish: Hillsdale
- Spanish: Stansbury
- Gifted Spanish: West Kearns

6 junior highs
- Chinese: Bennion
- Chinese: Bonneville
- French: Jefferson
- French: Churchill
- Spanish: Eisenhower
- Spanish: Evergreen
District Objectives

• Provide the educational, cognitive, socio-cultural and economic benefits of being bilingual, biliterate and multicultural.

• Prepare students for their responsibilities as global citizens

• Prepare students for cross-linguistic and cross-cultural encounters
Benefits of Dual Immersion

- Proficiency in immersion language
- Academic content learning
- Increased cultural sensitivity
- Economic: prepared for global community
- Cognitive: flexibility, attention, memory, problem solving, etc.
Instruction is divided between two high-quality, creative classrooms:

- One teacher ONLY teaches in English
- One teacher ONLY teaches in Second Language (Chinese, French or Spanish)

Content subjects are divided by languages
Dual Language Immersion
Instructional Time: Grade 4-5

- Math Reinforcement in Target Language (8.5%)
- Target Language Literacy (25%)
- Science in Target Language Music, Art, P.E., Health in both (16.5%)
- Math in English (16.5%)
- English Language Arts (25%)
- Social Studies in English Music, Art, P.E., Health in both (8.5%)
Program Assessments

• Language Arts, Math, & Science
  – Take same district assessments and end-of-year SAGE test in English as every student in Granite District

• Target Language Proficiency Assessment
  – Student Proficiency Report (Formative Grades 1-8)
  – ACTFL Language Performance Assessment - AAPPL (Summative Grades 3-8)
  – AP Language Exam (Grade 9)
Utah DLI Secondary Pathway

7th
- Spanish 3 DLI Honors
- DLI Spanish Culture and Media

8th
- Spanish 4 DLI Honors
- DLI Spanish Culture and Media

9th
- Spanish AP Language & Culture

10th
- 3000 Level Spanish University Course
  (optional start of new world language)

11th
- 3000 Level Spanish University Course
  (optional start of new world language)

12th
- 3000 Level Spanish University Course
  (optional start of new world language)
Utah DLI Bridge

- Grades 10-12
- 3000 level college courses
- For students who passed the AP language course
- $35-$50 student fee per credit.
- For students who complete AP and all 3 college courses, could be 3 courses short of a minor in the language when they enter college.
Who Can Apply

- All students entering first grade
- Granite District students will be given first priority and then the program will be opened to those outside of the district if space is available.
How to Apply (2 step process)

STEP 1
• Submit an online application by deadline.

STEP 2
• Return Parent Commitment Form by deadline.
STEP 1

Submit an online application by **February 19, 2016 at 4:00 pm.** www.graniteschools.org

[This application is only for current 2015-2016 Kindergarten students.]

Schools have computers and personnel available to help with the online application.

Please only submit one application per student.

**NOTE:** Applicants with older siblings in the program must apply by the deadline to receive priority in the lottery. This priority does not guarantee placement.
How to submit online application

www.graniteschools.org

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Confirmation of receipt

• You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been received. Print out the confirmation for your records.

• It is your responsibility to confirm that the application was received. If you have any questions call Sandi Crosby at 385-646-4530.
Lottery

• Number of spaces for enrolled students and other students based on number needed to maintain traditional and dual immersion classrooms.

• Siblings of students already in immersion program are given priority in the lottery. Siblings that apply late will be placed on the wait list in order of application submission date.

• Two lottery groups to meet goal of language classroom
  – Proficient in target language
  – Proficient in English
Notification of selection

• Notification letters sent by **March 11, 2016**.
  – If you have not heard by then, call Sandi Crosby at 385-646-4530.
  – Students that do not draw out in the lottery are placed on the wait list based on their lottery number.
  – Students that apply late will go on the wait list after those that did not draw out in the lottery.

**STEP 2**

• If selected, **return Parent Commitment Form by April 1, 2016**.
Parent Responsibilities

- Commit to long-term participation in immersion program.
- Develop understanding of immersion education.
- Read with your child in home language 20-30 min. daily.
- Keep a positive attitude and persevere.
- Encourage use of the target language outside of school.
- Strengthen connections between home & school.
- Enjoy the challenges; celebrate the results.
Transportation

Parents of students who reside outside the immersion school’s attendance area must provide their own transportation.
Language Learning Takes Time

But it’s worth it!
Questions?