

What is the biliteracy process?

The Biliteracy Program uses a consistent process to develop dual-language student learning in reading, writing, mathematics, science, social studies and social-emotional learning.

1. Students begin learning content lessons in one language.
2. As students develop an understanding of the content, the teacher leads a “bridge” lesson, which connects vocabulary and ideas from one language to the other. This lesson covers academic language, grammar, sentence structure and formal language usage.
3. Students do additional content lessons to extend learning in the other language.
4. Students achieve a solid understanding of the lesson’s content in both languages.



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How do I enroll my child in the Biliteracy Program?

1. Kindergarteners may register at Kindergarten Roundup at their home school. View the Roundup schedule at www.dg58.org/KindergartenRoundup. If you cannot attend Kindergarten Roundup, call your home school to enroll. View school contact information at www.dg58.org and select “Schools.”
2. Non-kindergarten students may register at their home school during the spring registration period, which usually opens in mid-April. Call your home school for more information.
3. Your home school will contact you to schedule a Language Screening for your child.
4. Kingsley School will invite you to a Biliteracy Program Enrollment event in the spring.



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***Thank you for your interest in the
District 58 Bilingual Program!***



How will the Bilingual Program enhance my child's education?

- Bilingual students experience the **same classes and content** as students in general education.
- The program uses students' English and Spanish language skills to develop their understanding of content.
- The program is taught by **certified and experienced** District 58 bilingual teachers.
- In kindergarten, students learn **80 percent** in Spanish and **20 percent** in English. This framework builds students' native literacy skills.
- In **kindergarten/first grade**, instruction includes **shared group reading and exploratory math**. Students also share family holidays/traditions.
- By **second/third grade**, students become **successful readers and writers in both languages**. They become their school's bilingual leaders.
- By the end of third grade, instruction will be **50 percent** in Spanish and **50 percent** in English.

DOWNERS GROVE GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 58

The mission of District 58, in partnership with parents and community, is to challenge and engage each child by providing quality educational programs and support services in a safe, nurturing, and child centered environment in order to prepare all students to be lifelong learners and contributing members of a global society.



What is the District 58 Bilingual Program?



- The Bilingual Program serves **native Spanish-speaking District 58 students**. Students in kindergarten through third grade may enroll for the 2016-17 school year. The Bilingual Program expands by one grade level each school year.
- The program aims to make students **biliterate and bicultural**. Over the course of the program, **students learn to read, write, speak and listen in all content areas in English and Spanish**. Students do not exit the program, but rather, continue to learn and develop their fluency in content and language.
- The program provides **one-way dual-language instruction** in both Spanish and English. It supports students who qualify as English Learners to develop language and content knowledge in their heritage language and in English. This will prepare them for **success at college and in careers**.
- Students learn with peers who also speak Spanish as a native language. This helps **build a strong community** between the students' personal life and school life.

Developing community through the Bilingual Parent Advisory

- The Bilingual Program has a very active **Bilingual Parent Advisory** community group. Parents meet regularly to learn how to support their children in school. Parents select meeting topics and times.
- Through this group, parents learn how to involve their children in extracurricular activities, such as **park district camps and library programs**.
- Bilingual parents also learn about community resources for themselves, such as local **ESL classes and park district offerings**. The Bilingual Program and Bilingual Parent Advisory help **link parents to the larger community**.