

CARL L. DIXSON SCHOOL Dual Language Academy



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What is Dual Language?

- Research based instructional model that develops bilingualism, biliteracy, and multiculturalism.
- Academic instruction is provided in both languages in a “Side-by-Side” 50:50 model.
- Each class has an equal number of dominant English and Spanish speakers
- Goals are to promote grade-level academic achievement in English and Spanish.

Why Dual Language at DIXSON?

- Research has proven that knowing more than one language increases a person's cognitive, academic and social ability.
- Neighboring Westchester schools with similar demographics have had Dual Language programs since 2002.

*New Rochelle(2002), Ossining(2003), Port Chester(2009)
Sleepy Hollow(2005), White Plains (2007)*

- District has received a 5 year Two-Way Bilingual Education Grant from NYS.

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Program Highlights

- Two Kindergarten classes where English and Spanish are used for instruction 50% of the time. (50:50 model)
- Classes are heterogeneously grouped representing a range of academic skills and are balanced by gender and language.
- Program will have two teachers. One will teach in the 'English' zone and the other, who be fluent in both English and Spanish, will teach in the 'Spanish' zone.

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- Only one language is used during periods of instruction.
- The curriculum is an integrated, thematic, project-based, language-rich program.
- Primary goal is to promote at or above grade-level academic achievement in English and Spanish with high expectations for all.
- Academy will follow the NYS Kindergarten curriculum.

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Selection Process

- The Dual Language Academy is a voluntary program.
- Dual Language application can be found in the Kindergarten registration folder or at the main office in Dixson.
- Completed application should be returned to Dixson's main office.
- Lottery will be held in June to determine participants.
- Parents will be notified either way.
- A wait list will be created.

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Contact Information

- Dual Language Academy Steering Committee consists of teachers, parents and administrators.
- Project Director – Marina Kelly (914) 592-4038
- Educational Consultant from Bank Street College - Luisa Costa Garro, PHD
- English Zone teacher – Adrienne Capocci
- Spanish Zone Teacher – Catalina Krasnici
- Head Teacher – Debra Barbosa(914) 592-2092

VIDEO



QUESTIONS?





➤ The sum of human wisdom is NOT contained in any one language and no single language is capable of expressing all forms of human understanding.

Ezra Pound

Hope You Join Us!

