

Dual Language Academy Admission Procedure

The Dual Language Academy shall admit up to 66 students in each grade level cohort divided as evenly as possible between English- and Spanish-speaking students as determined by the principal. Students are normally admitted in their kindergarten year. Students who wish to enroll after the start of their kindergarten year will only be considered if there is program capacity, the student is admitted through the random number drawing system described below (if applicable), and the student demonstrates readiness through district-administered assessments. The principal is responsible for making readiness determinations and his/her decisions shall be final.

A list of prospective kindergarten students shall be maintained by the district for Spanish and English sides with admissions decisions made in the spring of the year preceding the start of kindergarten. A random number drawing system developed by the principal shall be used for determining which students are admitted into both sides of the program with students residing in the district ("Resident Students") being considered before those who do not ("Non-resident Students" (option or contract students)). Should slots be available after the admittance of Resident Students, Non-resident Students may then be admitted by the same random number drawing system. Students who are not admitted will be placed on a waiting list in the event a slot becomes available during the kindergarten or first grade year. Resident Students will be given the first opportunity to fill available slots, and shall be admitted based on their rank in the original kindergarten cohort drawing. Non-resident Students will then be given the same opportunity if slots remain available after the Resident Students waiting list has been exhausted. Students will not ordinarily be accepted into the Dual Language Academy past the first grade year; such determinations will be made on a case-by-case basis by the principal, and his/her decision shall be final.

Two slots shall be maintained for community economic development subject to the terms contained in board policy 6500.

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