SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM AT FORD ELC

NEW! NEW! PRESCHOOLEN PRESCARTER KNDER GRADE KNDER GRADE

2440 Clark Rd. Ypsilanti, Ml 48198

Fall 2023

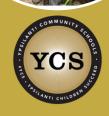
Spanish & English

Open Enrollment

October 4, 2023

Open to In-District and School of Choice Students

90 % Instruction in Spanish starting in Kindergarten



Language taught through content

WHY CHOOSE FORD ELC?

- Bilingualism and biliteracy
- Academic rigor
- Cultural competency

APPLY TODAY

For Preschool students: <u>Click here to enroll in Preschool</u> (And you must also click on this line to enroll in the program—<u>Link to Program</u>) For Kindergarten & 1st Grade students: <u>Click here to enroll in the Program</u> (Follow the instructions in the form) For School Of Choice Students <u>Click here for School Of Choice Form</u> Ypsilanti Community Schools

YCS offers Preschool, Kindergarten & 1st Grade English & Spanish Dual Language Immersion Programs at Ford Early Learning Center

Dual Language Immersion is a program where fluent English speakers and fluent Spanish speakers are enrolled in the same classroom with the goal of developing high levels of language proficiency and academic competence in two languages. All students are taught Spanish and English.

This exciting new program offers both English and Spanish-speaking students the opportunity to attain both Spanish and English language proficiency!

Ford Early Learning Center is home to our Spanish Immersion program. This unique program currently starts in kindergarten with a grade level added each year. Students are immersed in the Spanish language for 90% of their instructional time. As students move through the program, English instruction increases and students become bilingual and biliterate. Native English speakers as well as native Spanish speakers are encouraged to apply. This is one of only 2 programs of its kind in Washtenaw county.

Your childwill.....

~Be bilingual... ~Be biliterate... ~Be bicultural... ~Be ready for the future

Goals

The purpose of the English and Spanish Immersion Dual Language Program at Ford ELS is to:

- Achieve academic excellence, strengthen biliteracy, multlingual skills and biculturalism.
- Foster positive cross-cultural relationships and experiences
- Promote student leadership, self-confidence and valuable skills to compete in a 21st Century global workforce
- Support students in achieving the world language requirements
- Prepare student to qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy upon high school graduation

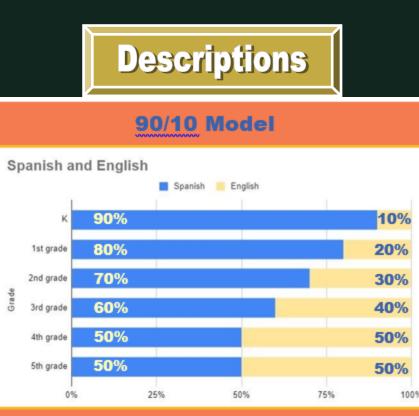
Benefits

- Expand intellectual and problem-solving, cognitive flexibility and working memory
- Develop, enhance and validate the heritage pride, as well as, facilitate stronger family connections and social integration
- Strengthen long-term English & Spanish literacy skills
- Facilitate exploration, understanding, respect and appreciation of target language cultures
- Promote multilingualism and multiculturalism
- Enrich student learning through the incorporation of authentic target language literature, art, music and performing arts

Features

- Focus on Communications, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity
- Small class size and personalized instruction
- Same school hours and school year
- Students will receive art, music, physical education and recess











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