

## WHAT IS DUAL LANGUAGE???

DUAL LANGUAGE IS A FORM OF BILINGUAL EDUCATION IN WHICH STUDENTS ARE TAUGHT LITERACY AND CONTENT IN TWO LANGUAGES. DUAL PROGRAMS USE THE TARGET LANGUAGE FOR A PORTION OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL DAY, GENERALLY STARTING IN KINDERGARTEN OR FIRST GRADE.

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## WHY THE NEED?

- Research has shown high levels of academic achievement through instruction in two languages.
- Second language learning improves cognitive development and ability.
- Dual Language programs foster bilingualism, bi-literacy.
- Students in DL programs perform as well or better on English standardized tests than those in traditional classrooms.

*If interested in the Dual Language Program in Kindergarten, please complete the attached application and turn it in to the front office. For more information, call Cyndi Massey at 828-654-1810.*

**For more information...**

Visit [www.dlenm.org](http://www.dlenm.org), especially the "Dual Language 101" presentations

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TO PROVIDE A MULTICULTURAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT ENABLING STUDENTS TO COMMUNICATE IN OTHER LANGUAGES AND PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT WHILE EMPOWERING THE COMMUNITY

## Avery's Creek Elementary School

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## DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM

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ACES offers a dual language program starting in kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year.

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High quality research conducted over a long period of time has shown that students from a variety of different backgrounds, including students with disabilities, can be successful in Dual Language Programs.

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### *What are the advantages of a dual language program?*

- First and second language development-Bi-literate
- High academic achievement
- Cross cultural understanding for all students
- Develop teamwork/collaborative skills
- Multiple job opportunities in the future

### *Expectations of the Dual Language Program*



**\*Parents DO NOT need to know both languages in order for their child to succeed. However, a strong commitment to the program and regular support are necessary in order for your child to be successful.**

#### **Please consider the following before applying for the Dual Language program:**

- *Have you established a permanent residence in the district?*
- *Can you make a 5 year commitment at **home** and at **school** to the program?*
- *Do you envision a change in residence to a school without a dual language program?*

What does the dual language program look like at ACES?

Successful Dual Language programs all share the following minimal characteristics:

- Students continue in the program for at least 5-6 years, and ideally through high school.
- Teachers do not translate for students.
- Teachers are trained to use visuals, gestures and specialized strategies in order to teach content and help children acquire the language quickly and easily.

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### **Why are Dual Language Programs Long Term?**

It takes individuals an average of five to seven years to learn the academic registers of a second language. While a student may seem fluent or competent in social settings, it still takes years of support to gain the academic vocabulary and grammatical structures for school success (Thomas and Collier).