Schools Currently Offering Dual Language Enrichment:

Davis Bilingual Magnet
Grijalva Elementary
Hollinger Elementary
Mary Belle McCorkle
Mission View Elementary
Roskruge Bilingual Magnet
Van Buskirk Elementary
White Elementary
Pistor Middle School
Pueblo Magnet High School



If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart. Nelson Mandela

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Two-Way Dual Language (TWDL) Program

An Advanced Learning Experience



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The Benefits of Dual Language

New research indicates that students who master two or more languages develop key cognitive advantages, including:

- better impulse control
- greater attention span
- enhanced mental agility

Dual Language learning also enhances students' preparation for college and university, as well as for career opportunities in the global market.

Entrance Criteria

All students are eligible whose parents have solicited and have qualified for a Parental Waiver Application to participate in a Dual Language Program.

- All students will be evaluated orally in Spanish with the LAS test.
- Any student identified as less proficient orally in English or in Spanish will be recommended for additional language support.

How Dual Language Works

In Kindergarten students receive 90% instruction in Spanish with 10% instruction in English. Continuing students receive instruction where the two languages gradually reach 50% Spanish and 50% English by fourth grade. The expected goal is for students to demonstrate grade-level literacy and fluency in both languages.

Why English and Spanish?

These languages are the two most commonly spoken in the U.S. and hold official U.N. status as international languages.

Language of Instruction

GRADE	SPANISH	ENGLISH
K	90%	10%
1	80%	20%
2	70%	30%
3	60%	40%
4	50%	50%
5	50%	50%
6-12	50%	50%



