Dual Language Immersion Program (DLI)

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Presentation Purposes

- Update to the Board of Education about the Dual Language Immersion Program at Conejo Elementary.
- Testimonials from our principal, teachers, parents and students about their experience in the DLI program.
- Share upcoming parent presentation dates and next steps.



Testimonial - Principal Ms. Ultreras





What is a Dual Language Immersion Program?



 Dual Language Immersion is language learning and academic instruction for native speakers of English and native speakers of another language.

 The goals of Dual Language Immersion programs are language proficiency and academic achievement in students' first and second languages, and cross-cultural understanding.



What is a Dual Language Immersion Program Cont'd?

- The purpose of the Dual Language Immersion Program is for all participants to become bilingual, bicultural and biliterate, if not multilingual, multicultural and multiliterate.
- Dual Language Immersion Programs invite English-only students, already bilingual students and English Learner students to join in an integrated bilingual instructional setting.
- English-only students and English Learner students will continue to maintain, develop and learn through their native language in addition to the second language (additive, not subtractive).



Dual Language Immersion Model: 50/50

- First year of instruction (TK or Kindergarten) is evenly split between English and the target language, Spanish
- Each subsequent grade level maintains a split of 50% instruction in Spanish and 50% instruction in English
- Current Kindergarten breakdown:
 - English Instruction: English Language Arts, Math Reinforcement, Social Studies* and Science*
 - Spanish Instruction: Spanish Language Arts,
 Math, Social Studies* and Science*
 - Enrichment Classes: Offered in both languages to maintain a 50/50 balance.





Current Enrollment and Demographics



	Transitional Kindergarten	Kindergarten
Number of Students	21	51
Number of Classes	1	3
English Home Language	9	26
Spanish Home Language	11	24
Other Language	1	1



Breakdown of English Learners

	Transitional Kindergarten	Kindergarten
Number of Students	12	25
Emerging	9	11
Expanding	1	6
Bridging	1	2
Initially Reclassified	1	6





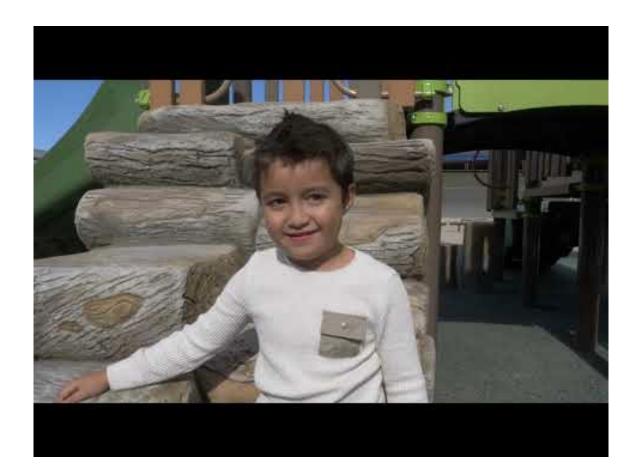
Ethnicity Composition



Ethnicity	Number of Students
Latino	49
White	15
African-American	2
Other	6



Testimonial - Let's hear from our DLI students





DLI Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

 Celebration of the first DLI program in the Conejo Valley was attended by students, families, staff, Board Trustees, District leadership and community members.







DLI Program Curriculum Development and Planning

- Program Development and Guidance provided by the California Association of Bilingual Education (CABE)
- Preparing for upcoming grade rollout: First Grade and new families into TK and Kindergarten
- DLI Team and Conejo Staff attend DLI focused PD





Parent Involvement

- Requires a 5-6 year enrollment commitment from parents/guardians as the dual language competencies develop over time
- Create opportunities to incorporate families in the instruction (parent volunteers in both languages)
- Planned community events for families that focus on language and cultures
- Provide DLI parent presentations to incoming parents







Testimonial from our DLI Teachers

Grade Level	Name
TK	Ms. Nubia Ortega
K	Ms. Courtney Adler
K	Ms. Joanne VanBuren Lamoreaux
K	Ms. Diana Jimeno-Ingrum





Upcoming Parent Presentations

- In order to accommodate parent schedules, we will offer in-person presentations at Conejo Elementary with the option of participating via zoom
- The following "Parent Presentations" have been scheduled:
 - November 9, 2022
 - English 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm
 - Spanish 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
 - November 16, 2022
 - Spanish 9:00 am to 9:45 am
 - English 10:00 am to 10:45 am







Testimonials from DLI Parents





Next Steps

- Continue providing a research based and student centered program
- Remain consistent and intentional to the 50/50 language model
- Support Conejo staff as we add First grade
- Ensure current DLI staff and administration have the support for current program implementation
- Promote a multilingual and multicultural focus across campus



CDE 2030 Vision

"By 2030, we want half of all K–12 students to participate in programs leading to proficiency in two or more languages, either through a class, a program, or an experience. By 2040, we want three out of four students to be proficient in two or more languages, earning them a State Seal of Biliteracy."



Questions?

