

Language Learning Programs

Program Description and Admission Procedures

The following outlines program components, research findings, admittance policy procedures, and important dates for Language Learning Programs in Vancouver Public Schools. Parents who desire to have their child(ren) considered for admittance are encouraged to carefully read and familiarize themselves with the following information:

- Research findings demonstrate that the language immersion process is most successful when extended for a period of at least five to six years.
- Having a child in a language immersion program offers unique challenges for students and parents. By design, there will be no overlap, or interpreting for students in their native language when there is difficulty understanding. For example, when the teacher is instructing in Mandarin or Spanish the teacher will not clarify the lesson in English for students. Additionally, homework sent home in English will stay in English while homework sent home in Mandarin or Spanish will stay in Mandarin or Spanish. The teacher will use appropriate strategies and encourage cooperation between students to foster learning. However, it is likely that some students and parents may occasionally experience a degree of frustration.
- Parental involvement is important for students to be successful and reach their potential. We encourage parents to become active partners with the school.
- According to district policy, students residing within each school's boundaries will be given first priority to be admitted in the Language Learning Program at that school. According to Vancouver School District Procedure 3131P – *District Attendance Area Transfers*, other Vancouver School District resident and out-of-district students will be placed as program space and building capacity permits.
- In the event that there are more applicants than spaces available, students will be entered into a lottery drawing to determine order of placement into the program. Students not selected to participate in the program through the lottery process will be placed on a waiting list and will be added as program space and building capacity permit. The waiting list will not carry over from year-to-year, but will be established annually.
- Siblings of students, requesting transfer to a Language Learning Program school site will not be given priority and must follow procedures listed in Vancouver School District Procedure 3131P.
- Parent attendance at a Parent Information Session is required in order to become fully informed of all aspects of the Language Learning Programs in Vancouver Public Schools.

Parent Meetings	Other Important Dates	
Details regarding Parent Information Sessions are available through the VPS district website and each school's website.	April 30, 2021	Applications due by 3:00 PM
	May	Initial notification of program acceptance (families within school boundaries)

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Application for Acceptance

Please review the attached Program Description and Admission Procedures information before submitting an application for the Language Learning Programs.

I am requesting that my son/daughter's name be entered into the student selection process for admission to the following program(s) (may select more than one program):

- Checkboxes for program selection: Mandarin Language Learning Program at FRANKLIN Elementary, Spanish/English Dual Language Program at ANDERSON Elementary, Spanish/English Dual Language Program at HARNEY Elementary, Spanish/English Dual Language Program at KING Elementary, Spanish/English Dual Language Program at ROOSEVELT Elementary.

Child's Name: _____ [] Male [] Female (PLEASE PRINT)

Child's Grade in 2021-22: _____ Birthdate: _____

Primary language spoken by child: [] English [] Spanish Other: _____

Primary language spoken by family in the home: [] English [] Spanish Other: _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers: _____ Home _____ Cell

Current e-mail address: _____

Resident School: _____

Did the child attend preschool? [] YES [] NO If yes, name of preschool: _____

Does your child have a sibling that is currently in a Language Learning Program? [] YES [] NO School: _____ Grade Level: _____

Today's Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____ (PLEASE PRINT)

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

NOTE: If the parents are divorced and have been awarded joint decision making for education decisions regarding the child, both parents must sign.

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Date of information meeting attended: _____

Date application received: _____

Employee receiving application: _____

Lottery drawing category: _____

- Lottery drawing category: [] First Lottery (families in the school boundaries) [] Second Lottery (families in VPS boundaries) [] Third Lottery (families outside of VPS boundaries)

Administrator: _____ Date: _____



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Language Learning Programs Statement of Understanding 2021-2022 School Year

I understand that research shows that the immersion process is most successful over an extended period of time, and I am willing to make a long term commitment of six years, keeping my child continuously enrolled in a Language Learning Program and encouraging his or her regular attendance.

I understand that having a child in a language immersion program offers unique challenges for parents. Mandarin or Spanish and English instruction and homework will not be translated into the other language. Nevertheless, it is understood that parent support of student learning at home is expected and essential.

I understand that there may be a "Lottery" style drawing to ensure fair admission to the program.

- Names of all applicants received by the deadline will be put in the appropriate pool (students residing within the program school's boundaries, students residing within VPS boundaries, and students residing outside VPS boundaries). Names will be drawn and ranked by number for each pool.
- Students will be admitted to a Language Learning Program based on their rank # in the lottery drawing. Remaining students will become the "waiting list" and will be added as program space and building capacity permit according to rank order. The waiting list does not carry over from year-to-year.
- If your child is chosen in the student selection process, parents will have 5 business days to make a final decision regarding their child's participation in the program.

I understand that the following are important dates to be aware of:

Parent Meetings (Required attendance at one meeting.)

Information regarding Parent Information Sessions is available through the VPS district website and each school's website.

Other Important Dates

April 30, 2021 Deadline for Language Learning Program applications 3 P.M.

May Initial notification of program acceptance (families within school boundaries)

By signing below, I agree that I have read the above statement and acknowledge the expectations of the Language Learning Programs in Vancouver Public Schools.

Child's name _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

**Applications must be submitted to the school by
the deadline to be entered into the lottery.**

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