

## **Who is eligible to participate in the Dual Language program?**

Students from native Spanish speaking backgrounds who are identified as ELs are entitled to participate in the DLI program at their home school. Those students must go through the EL screening process and will be enrolled in the program if they qualify as native Spanish speaking students.

Students from native English speaking backgrounds are eligible to participate in the Dual Language- Two Way Immersion program beginning at the kindergarten level. 22 English speaking students are accepted into kindergarten Dual Language at both Lincoln and Seth Whitman Elementary Schools each year. Priority is first given to students with siblings who are already in the program, and then to students who live in the home school boundaries of Seth Whitman and Lincoln Elementary Schools. Finally, if seats remain, families from other home schools will have the opportunity for enrollment in the Dual Language- Two Way Immersion program.

Students are only eligible to enter into the Dual Language program at the kindergarten level. If a student is coming from a Dual Language program in another district, he or she will be assessed to determine if District 100's Dual Language program is the best placement. Placement in the program will be determined on the student's abilities and if space is available. \*Please indicate during registration if a student is coming from a Dual Language program in another district.

## **How do I enroll my student in the Dual Language- Two Way Immersion Program?**

We are launching a new process for enrollment in the Dual Language- Two Way Immersion Program for the 2018-2019 school year. The process is as follows:

1. Attend a parent informational meeting on Wednesday, March 14 at Central Middle School
  - 5:30-6:00 District 100 Overview and Registration Information
  - 6:15-6:45 Dual Language Information Session
2. Complete the online registration and indicate your interest in the Dual Language program
3. Attend Kindergarten Registration on Wednesday, April 4 at your home school
  - Provide documentation of proof of residency
  - Bring your child for an evaluation of early readiness skills
    - In order to be eligible for the Dual Language program, students must show readiness in the areas of early literacy and early numeracy
    - After registration, families will be notified of whether or not their child qualifies to be entered in the Dual Language Lottery
4. A lottery will be held on Tuesday, April 24 at 6pm at the District Office
  - Priority will be given to siblings of students already in the program. (These students will not be entered in the lottery.)

- Students whose home school is Seth Whitman or Lincoln will be entered into the lottery first.
- If seats remain, students from other district schools will be entered into a second lottery.
  - If you live outside the boundaries of Seth Whitman or Lincoln Elementary Schools, you are responsible for providing transportation to and from school.
  
- If unable to attend registration on Wednesday, April 4, families may still be eligible for the Dual Language program if they register and bring their child in for screening prior to Friday, April 13. Eligibility for the Dual Language program after April 13 will be dependent on seats available.