

Description of Language Programs

Structured English Immersion (SEI):

SEI is a specialized process of teaching the English language to students whose first language is not English. The goal is for students to develop academic proficiency in English, together with mastery of academic core content and multicultural proficiency. Instruction is nearly all in English. Primary language support is used for clarification and explanation when feasible.

Two-Way Language Immersion (TWI):

The goal is acquisition of academic proficiency in two languages: English and Spanish, together with mastery of academic core content and multicultural proficiency. Instruction is in Spanish and English. Primary language instruction supports the student's ability to meet grade level standards while in the process of becoming fluent in English. As the child increases in English fluency, instruction in English increases. The program uses a 90-10 model, in which instruction in Kindergarten is 90% in Spanish and 10% in English, with decreasing Spanish and increasing English each year, until by 6th grade, 50% is in Spanish and 50% is in English, by 9th grade, one-third of the day is in Spanish, and by 11th grade, a little over 15% of the day is in Spanish.