



## International Spanish Academies

The SVUSD Two-Way Language Immersion Program is a member of the International Spanish Academies (ISA), which has developed a quality English-Spanish educational program through a network of selected schools in order to promote the study of the Spanish language and culture. ISA programs have signed a cooperation agreement with the Ministry of Education and Science of Spain.

### Benefits of the International Spanish Academies

- Support from the Spanish Consulate
- Materials/Resources
- Seminars
- Student Recognition
- DELE – Spanish Assessment

**We are proud of our partnership with the Consulate of Spain!**



**Recipient of the CABE Seal of Excellence Award**



## Frequently Asked Questions

**What are the benefits of my child participating in the program through twelfth grade?** Your child will be bilingual/bi-literate, have taken two AP Spanish courses that can be applied for college credit, have an opportunity to earn an additional diploma from ISA, receive special recognition from SVUSD, and indicate on the UC/CSU college application of their participation in the Two-Way Immersion Program.

### Can my child start in the Two-Way Immersion Program at any time?

Students in kindergarten and first grade are admitted into the program through a priority system. English speakers may enter into first grade up to the end of the first trimester depending on space availability. Spanish speaking students and bilingual students may be admitted at any grade based on assessment results.

### Does having my child in a Two-Way Immersion program slow down their academic progress?

Research in this area demonstrates that learning in two languages enhances academic growth. Children receive the maximum benefit the longer they are enrolled in the program.

**Can I still read to my child even though I do not speak Spanish?** Yes, we encourage you to read to your child in the language you speak at home. The reading skills you use at home will transfer to the second language.

## Saddleback Valley Unified School District

### Two-Way Language Immersion Program



#### Gates Elementary School

Lake Forest, CA 92630  
949-837-2260

#### Los Alisos Intermediate School

Mission Viejo, CA 92691  
949-830-9700

#### Laguna Hills High School

Laguna Hills, CA 92653  
949-770-5447



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