

## Overview

The multi-award winning SVUSD Two-Way Language Immersion Program established in 1991 is designed to provide English speaking and Spanish speaking students an exciting, enriching, and challenging educational opportunity for 21st century learning. Students will learn to collaborate, communicate and think critically in all academic content areas in both Spanish and English. By the end of twelfth grade, students will have obtained the bilingual skills and multi-cultural competencies needed to succeed in our global society and economy.



## Goals and Benefits

- Develop high levels of proficiency in English and Spanish.
- Ensure academic excellence in the two languages as outlined in the Common Core State Standards.
- Cultivate an understanding and appreciation of other cultures and strengthen positive connections among students, their families, and the greater global community.
- Develop flexibility in thinking through problem solving, conceptualizing, and reasoning in two languages.
- Empower parents to actively participate in their child's education.

## Program Model

The Two-Way Language Immersion Program is a challenging and rigorous academic program in which Spanish is used as the primary language of instruction in the younger grades.

The optimal classroom population is half native English-speaking students and half native Spanish speaking students. SVUSD implements a 90/10 immersion model in which kindergarten and first grade students receive 90% of daily instruction in Spanish and 10% in English. The percentage of English instruction increases as seen below.

### Gates Elementary School

Grade	Spanish	English
Kinder & First	90%	10%
Second	80%	20%
Third	70%	30%
Fourth	60%	40%
Fifth & Sixth	50%	50%

### Los Alisos Intermediate and Laguna Hills High School

Grade	Subjects taught in Spanish
Seventh & Eighth	Spanish Language Arts Science
Ninth	TWI Spanish 3 International Relations & Globalization
Tenth	AP Spanish 4 World History
Eleventh	Spanish Literature
Twelfth	AP Spanish Literature



Parent participation is an integral part of the Two-Way Language Immersion Program. Parents are encouraged to volunteer in the classroom and work with their children at home. Advocates for Language Learning (A.L.L.) is a non-profit organization of parents who support this SVUSD program. A.L.L. plans and sponsors cultural events, homework help at the elementary level, recognition events, and other services designed to help students succeed and enhance the educational experience for our children.

For more information email us at:

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**Please call Gates Elementary school office for the next available informational meeting and school tour!  
949-837-2260**

In addition, we offer a **Co-Op fee-based TWI Pre-school** for ages 3.5 and above. For more information contact Services for English Learners at 949.580.3347.