

Foreign language and the future

Prepare your child for the multi-lingual, globalized world of tomorrow by giving him or her the gift of fluency in two languages through the City School District of Albany's Dual Language Program.

Early foreign language study also helps a person learn more languages later in life—so language immersion in elementary school could give your child a life-long window into our increasingly global world.



How to register your child

The Delaware Community School is the home of the Dual Language Program. Like the City School District of Albany's three magnet elementary schools, the Dual Language Program is available to children from all over the city.



Registration for the Dual Language Program is held through the district's open-enrollment process. You can find more information on our Web site, www.albanyschools.org, or call the Office of Pupil Personnel Services at 462-7210.



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¡Se habla español!

Dual Language Program

A Spanish-English immersion program for Pre-K through grade 5



High academic standards in a multilingual program



Delaware Community School

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Would you like your child to be bilingual – to be able to read, write and speak in two languages?

The City School District of Albany's Dual Language Program offers a dual immersion elementary school education in English and Spanish from prekindergarten through grade 5.



Located at the Delaware Community School, the program is the *only* dual immersion program in the Capital Region. Successful students in the program become accomplished, educated, fluent

speakers of *both* Spanish and English.

Children don't just study a language in the Dual Language Program ... they live and breathe it!

How does it work?

Each class covers a regular elementary school curriculum, but the students study in both languages with fully bilingual teachers. The week is divided equally between lessons presented in Spanish and lessons presented in English.

Intensive language-learning support

The program includes specialized language instruction. Each day, students may take Spanish-as-a-Second-Language (SSL) or English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) classes based on their linguistic proficiency. Children enter the program speaking at least one of the two languages, and leave speaking, reading and writing in both!

High academic standards

Teachers and staff maintain high standards of academic performance in a supportive, personal classroom atmosphere. Dual Language classes consistently have scored among the best in the district on statewide assessments in math, science and English language arts. The program covers the full New York State curriculum — with the bonus of language immersion and exposure to multiple cultures.

Our staff

The program is composed of bilingual teachers and support staff, including a school psychologist, speech therapist, special education resource teacher, and ESL and SSL teachers.

Our staff come from the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Peru, Argentina, Guatemala, Ecuador, Honduras and the United States. They share their cultural heritages with the students, helping achieve our objective of cross-cultural awareness.



Two days in the life of a Dual Language student

The following schedule represents a typical Monday (English-language instruction) and Tuesday (Spanish-language instruction) for a student in the Dual Language Program. Actual class schedules will vary.

	Monday	Tuesday
Period 1	Math	Las matemáticas
Period 2	Phys Ed	La educación física
Period 3	SSL or Spanish Language Arts	SSL o El arte de lenguaje en español
Period 4	ESL or English-language Arts	ESL o El arte de lenguaje
Period 5	Science	La ciencia

