

Spanish Language Immersion

Now offered at
Walter Bickett
Elementary School!



Kindergarten students who attend Walter Bickett Elementary in the 2017-18 school year will have the option to be enrolled in the Spanish Language Immersion Program. This rigorous academic option will give students the opportunity to learn two languages. In this model, Spanish is not taught as a subject, but the language in which instruction is delivered.

To register your child in the Spanish Language Immersion Program, parents should complete the Spanish Language Immersion form and submit it to the school.

For additional information, contact Principal Dr. Jamie Benfield at 704-296-3110.

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CURRICULUM

Along with learning another language, your child will receive a complete academic foundation grounded in instructional excellence.

- All Spanish Immersion students will be taught the same North Carolina state standards as other schools.
- The curriculum will prepare students to achieve and to perform well on state assessments, which are administered in English.

GIVE YOUR CHILD A GLOBAL COMPETITIVE EDGE THROUGH THE BENEFITS OF AN IMMERSION PROGRAM:

- **Bilingual and biliterate:** Students achieve high proficiency in the immersion language.
- **Increased cultural sensitivity:** Immersion students are more aware of and show more positive attitudes towards other cultures and an appreciation of other people.
- **Enhanced cognitive skills:** Immersion students typically develop greater cognitive flexibility, demonstrating increased memory, superior problem-solving skills, and better attention control as well as an enhanced understanding of their primary language.
- **Improved self-esteem:** Being able to communicate and excel academically in two languages gives immersion students greater self-esteem and sense of accomplishment.
- **Proven performance on standardized tests:** Immersion students perform as well or better than non-immersion students on standardized tests in English.
- **Preparation for a global society and marketplace:** Immersion students are better prepared for the global community and job markets where 21st century skills are an asset.