Dual Language Education

Developing bilingual students with cross-cultural proficiencies

A Choice Program Serving 1,200 Students

Dual Language is a popular option for families who value bilingualism. Students who are enrolled in the program learn to read, write, speak, and understand both Spanish and English.

- Dual Language is available at six central area elementary schools.
- Programs at Edgewater, Eiber, Lumberg, and Molholm serve families who primarily speak Spanish at home.
- Programs at Emory and Foster are open to all students, regardless of home language background.
- At the secondary level, students can continue their study of Spanish with elective courses like Spanish Language Arts, Spanish for Heritage Speakers, or Advanced Placement Spanish.

High Academic Achievement

Learning in two languages requires students to stay flexible as they work with challenging content in Reading, Writing, Science, Social Studies, and Math. Whether learning in Spanish or English, students are regularly asked to explain, justify, evaluate, or synthesize what they’ve learned.

All this helps Jeffco’s Dual Language students to achieve at high academic levels across all content areas in both English and Spanish.

Mastery of Spanish and English

Students enrolled in Dual Language receive instruction in both Spanish and English, with the goal of becoming highly proficient in both languages.

Students become scholars of language, learning how Spanish and English are both similar and different. They read rich, authentic literature written in both languages, and apply what they have learned in both languages to succeed academically and socially.

Cross-Cultural Proficiencies

Dual Language asks students to reflect on both their own cultural background and that of others. It helps students develop the positive cross-cultural attitudes and behaviors that are necessary to work and play with a diverse set of peers as well as to navigate the expectations of the wider community. As a result, Dual Language students are prepared to take active roles in their communities, and to engage with issues of local, national, and global concern.