

Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program

*Parent/Guardian Information Session
2023-2024*



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Conejo Academy of Leadership and Language Immersion

Conejo Academy is a multilingual and multicultural community of scholars who are

Leaders / **L**íderes

Explorers / **E**xploradores

Achievers / **A**lcanzadores de metas

Determined / **D**eterminados

Enthusiastic / **E**ntusiasmados

Receptive / **R**eceptivos

Supportive / **S**olidarios



First in the Conejo Valley

- 1st Elementary School
- 1st and Only Leadership Focus School
- 1st and Only DLI Program



Student Demographics

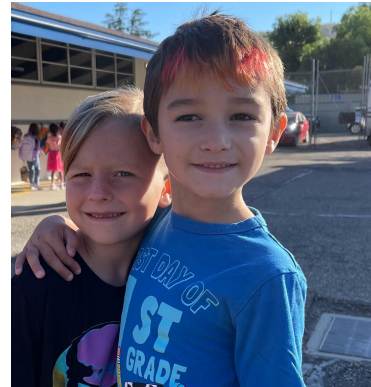
TK-5 Approximately 255 Students

Diversity in the DLI Classes

- 70% Hispanic
- 20% White
- 7% Asian/Filipino
- 3% Black

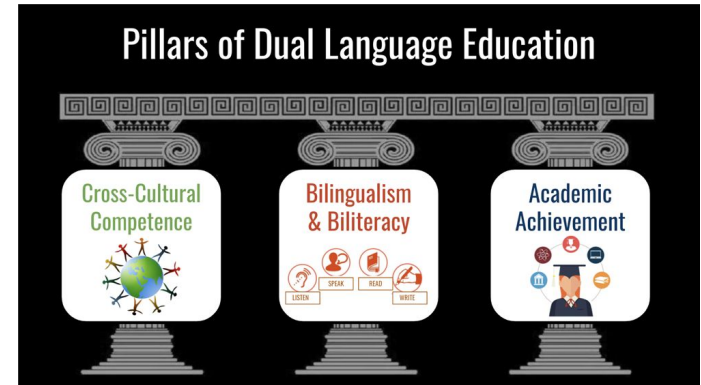
Multilingual Learners

- 37-50% Spanish Speakers in each grade level (TK-1st)



Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program

- Direct language and academic instruction in English and Spanish
- Additive Learning
- Start in Early Grades
- Language Balance
- Bilingualism, Biliteracy and Bicultural



Benefits of Dual Language Immersion

- **Educational:**
 - Comparable or higher academic achievement than English-only programs
 - Both English-only and English Learner students show improved academic outcomes in math and reading in elementary grades
 - Increased metalinguistic awareness and critical thinking
- **Sociocultural:**
 - Increased empathy and perspective by promoting cultural awareness
- **Economic:**
 - Increased career opportunities and compensation across both private and public sectors
 - 5% to 20% salary increase compared to Monolingual Peers

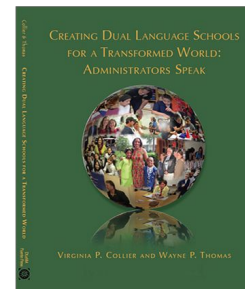
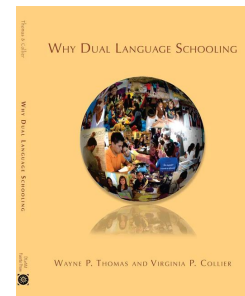
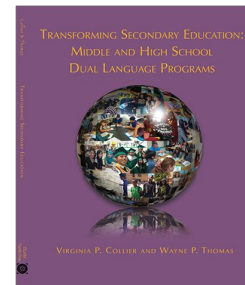
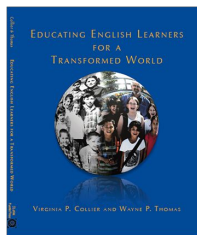
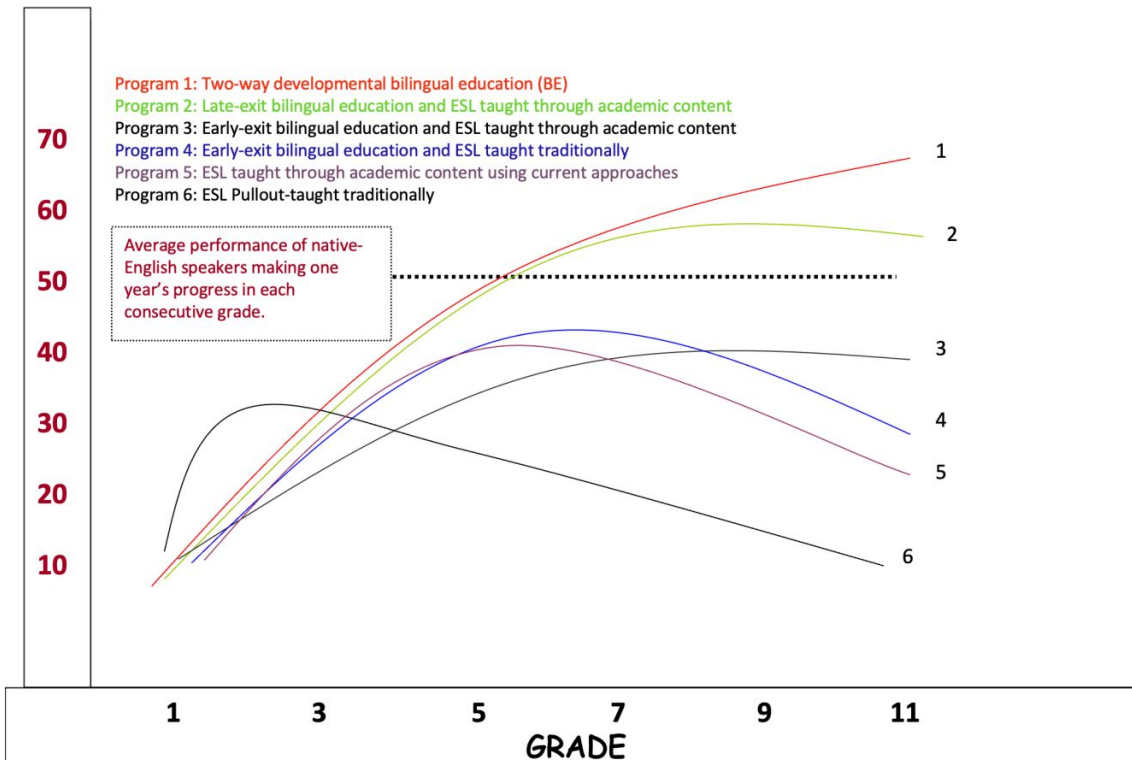


Research on DLI Programs



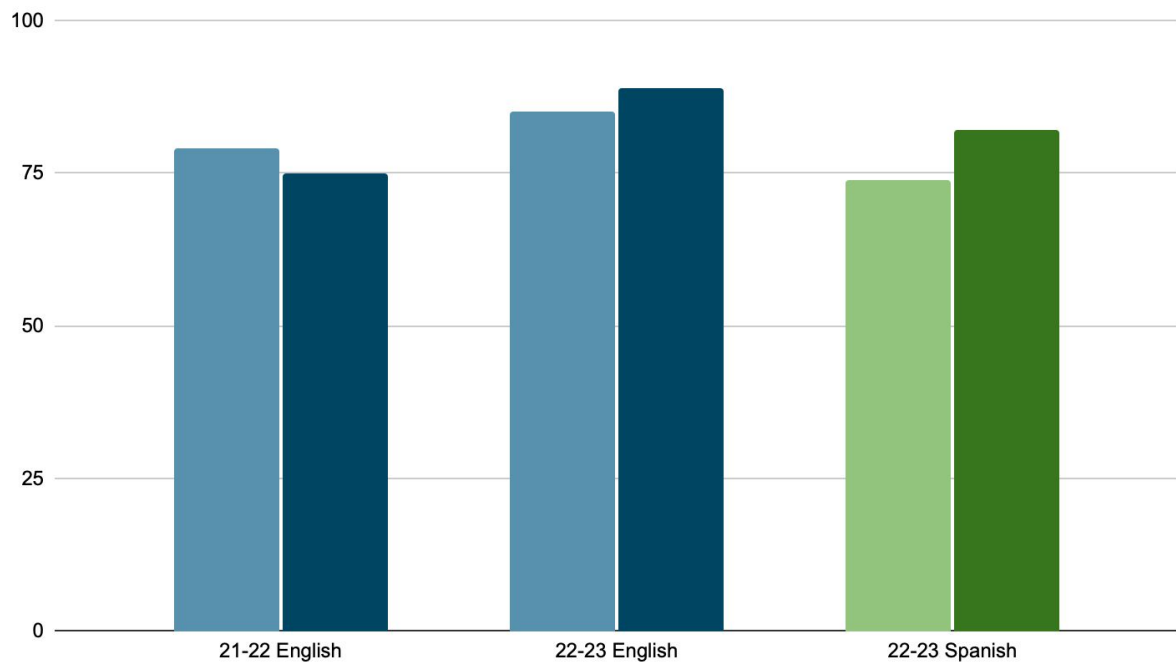
Data aggregated from a series of 3-7 year longitudinal studies from well-implemented, mature programs in five school districts

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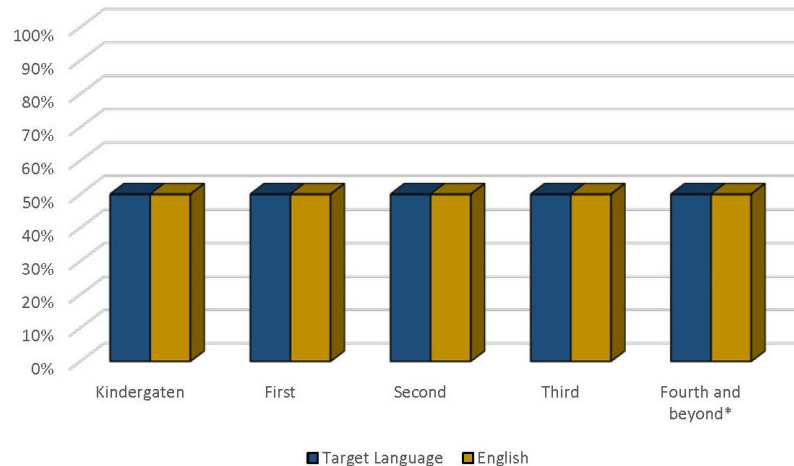
Kinder Data

- English Language Arts
- English Math
- Spanish Language Arts
- Spanish Math



Dual Language Immersion 50:50 Model

- Balance amount of time allocated to teach the state standards in each language
- Each subsequent grade level will remain a split of 50% Spanish and 50% English
- Skills are not re-taught in both languages, but rather built upon in each language





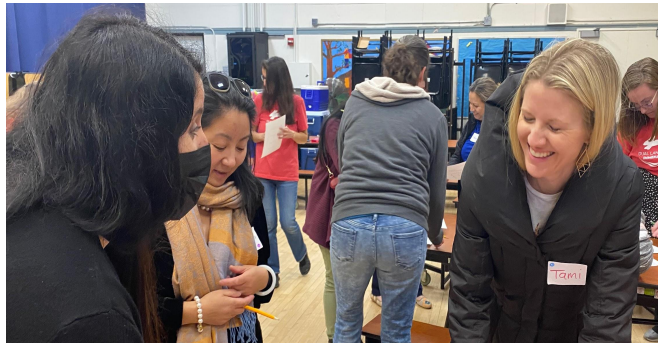
Sample Schedule - Schedule Alternates Weekly

Kinder	Moons	Suns
8:15-9:35	Spanish Language Arts	English Language Arts
9:55-11:35	English Language Arts English Math English Integrated Social Studies	Spanish Language Arts Spanish Math Spanish Integrated Science
12:20-1:30	Spanish Math Spanish Integrated Science	English Math English Integrated Social Studies



Family Involvement

- Targeted Family Education
- Monthly Family Engagement Opportunities
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Focus on Inclusion and Learning from Each Other
- Bilingual Communication Support for Families



Parent Testimonials



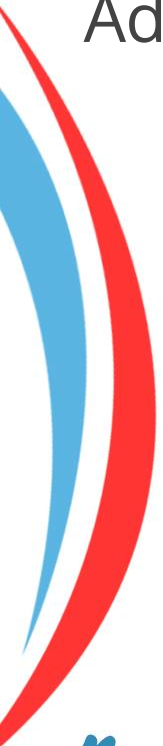
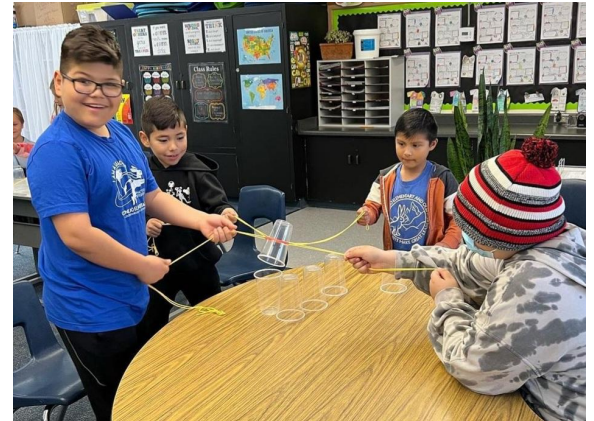
Parent Testimonials

- “We love hearing our student incorporating Spanish into our daily lives. She is always counting or responding in Spanish. She is helping our whole family speak Spanish.”
- “Not only will your child become fluent in Spanish and English, but you will be connected with like-minded parents, who find cultural diversity important.”
- “Learning Spanish has allowed our son build a relationship with his great-grandparents. I don’t speak Spanish but it is amazing how excited my son is to learn and his older brother is willing to learn too.”
- “Conejo Academy promotes a strong family environment by offering frequent family extra curricular activities. The Leader in Me program is also excellent...teaching the kids from day 1 to take responsibility for themselves and to encourage them to speak publicly and lead other students.”
- “Because it’s a smaller school, our child is well known by teachers and staff; making her feel welcome and comfortable and ensuring that her learning style and needs are well known.”



Additional Opportunities at Conejo Academy

- Leader in Me School - Lighthouse School
 - Culture - Supportive, School Pride, Big Buddy/Little Buddy
 - Leadership - Engagement, Advocacy, Service Oriented
 - Academics - Personal Learning Goals
- Hop into School Summer Program
- Targeted Social Emotional and Academic Supports
- Multicultural Education
- Curriculum Based Field Trips
- Life Skills at Every Grade Level
- Weekly Enrichment Opportunities
- Free Breakfast/Lunch
- After School Program



Life Skills

TK	Cross Generation Connections
K	Riding Bikes, Shoe Tying
1st	Gardening, Table Etiquette
2nd	Cooking
3rd	Financial Literacy
4th	Entrepreneurship
5th	Public Speaking



Free 23-24 Enrichment Classes During the School Day

TK - K	Spanish Science Lab, PE, Folklórico Dancing
1st	Spanish Science Lab, PE, Dance, Music, Martial Arts
2nd - 5th (Non-DLI)	Science Lab, PE, Dance, Music, Martial Arts, Spanish



Fee Based Enrichment Classes

- Choir
- Band
- CRPD Sport Classes



Recognitions, Grants and Sponsorships



2018 - Certified Lighthouse School

2022 - Healthier Generations America's Healthiest Schools

2021 - TO Arts Grant

2022 - Adopt A Classroom Donation

2022 - Hilton Foundation Good Neighbor Grant

2023 - Lighthouse School Recertification

2023 - Barona Band of Mission Indians Grant

*Ongoing Sponsorship - Elks Lodge and Assistance League



DLI Enrollment Procedures and Requirements

- Balance of primary languages among the students is necessary
 - Spanish primary
 - English primary
 - Established bilingual
- Six (6-7) year enrollment commitment (TK-5th grade)
- Three (3) ways to enroll:
 - Neighborhood school (starts January 30, 2024)
 - CVUSD school choice (starts Nov 1, 2023)
 - Inter-district transfer (starts Nov 1, 2023)
- Neighborhood families receive priority but not guaranteed admission
- School choice notifications start in early spring based on language balance and availability
- Visit DLI website for more details about enrollment



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