

Program Goals

Bilingualism:

- High levels of proficiency in English and a second language.

Biliteracy:

- High levels of academic proficiency in English and a second language.

Multicultural competence:

- Understanding of different cultures and development of high self-esteem.

Program Duration of 5-7 Years

- Extended amounts of time are needed to fully develop second language academic proficiency.

(minimum of 5-7 years)

- Parents agree to a seven year commitment of students in program.

Essential Characteristics for Success

- Strong leadership and administrative support.
- Qualified instructional personnel.
- Program duration of 5-7 years.
- Balance in classroom composition.
- Focus on academic achievement.
- Adequate exposure to second language.
- Monolingual delivery.
- Promotion of the benefits of bilingualism.
- Strong home/school collaboration.

Balance in Classroom Composition

- Establish classroom with linguistic equity or balance – Ideally 50% English learners and 50% English speakers.

State Seal of Biliteracy

Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by a school, school district or county office of education in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. Appearing on the transcript of the graduating senior, the Seal of Biliteracy is a statement of accomplishment for future employers and for college admissions.

Ceres Seal of Biliteracy



State Seal of Biliteracy





Mental Health

A multilingual brain is quicker, nimbler and more resistant to Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.



Preparation for the Future

Bilingual adults have several advantages over monolingual adults, including higher average salaries and greater career opportunities.



Academic Performance

Students in dual language programs consistently out-perform monolingual peers on state-mandated tests, regardless of demographic.

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