

Frequently Asked Questions



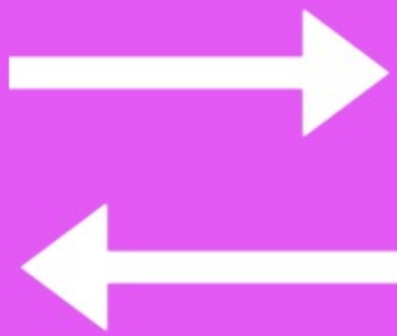
1 Is the Dual Language/Bilingual program for English Learners?

Yes. All students benefit from Dual Language/Bilingual programs, especially English Learners who speak other languages.



2 Are there any requirements to enroll my child in a dual language program?

Students may enter the program at any time in Kindergarten and 1st grade and continue in the program. Students entering the program after grade 1 must demonstrate literacy in the target language comparable to students in the program. In some cases, a new student who has proficiency in the target language (Spanish, Korean, Mandarin, Armenian) can enroll in a DLP after 1st grade. Consult your local dual language program school for details and enrollment procedures.



3 Are dual language programs the same as two-way immersion programs?

Yes, dual language programs as defined in LAUSD are also known as two-way immersion programs.



4 What languages are available in LAUSD dual language programs?

Currently, LAUSD offers Dual Language Programs in Spanish/English, Korean/English, Mandarin/English, and Armenian/English in selected elementary, middle and high schools. The program goals are bilingualism and biliteracy.

The Maintenance Bilingual Education Program is currently offered in Spanish/English and Korean/English in selected elementary and secondary schools. The program goals are bilingualism and biliteracy.

The Transitional Bilingual Program is currently offered in Spanish/English and Korean/English in selected elementary schools. It is only a K-3 grade program with the goal of English Language proficiency.

The Foreign Language Immersion Program is currently offered in Spanish/English, Mandarin/English, and French/English in selected elementary and middle schools. The program goals are bilingualism and biliteracy.



5 Will students living within LAUSD boundaries need an Intra-District permit to attend a Dual Language/Bilingual program at a location other than their home school?

No. Intra-District (within LAUSD) permits are no longer required for these programs.



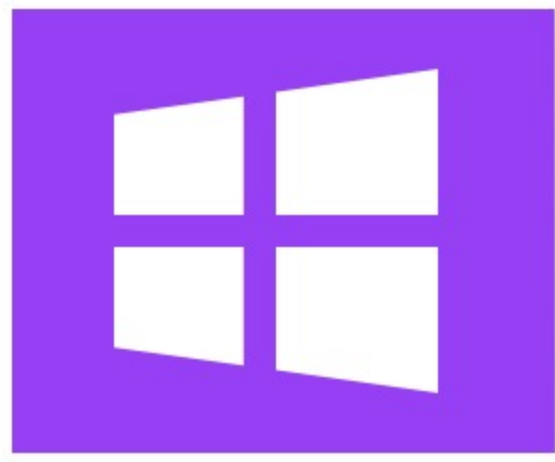
6 Will transportation be provided for Dual Language/Bilingual Program students?

No. Transportation will not be provided for the Dual Language/Bilingual program students.



7 When do I need to apply?

The CHOICES application window is October 2–November 9, 2017. If you miss the application window, the late application period begins February 1, 2018. (Students will be placed in the order the applications are received based on space availability).

**8 Are on-time applications processed on a first-come-first-served basis?**

No. Applications received during the on-time application period will be processed after the application window closes. Students are placed according to their enrollment placement preferences.

**9 What if there are more applications than seats available for a program?**

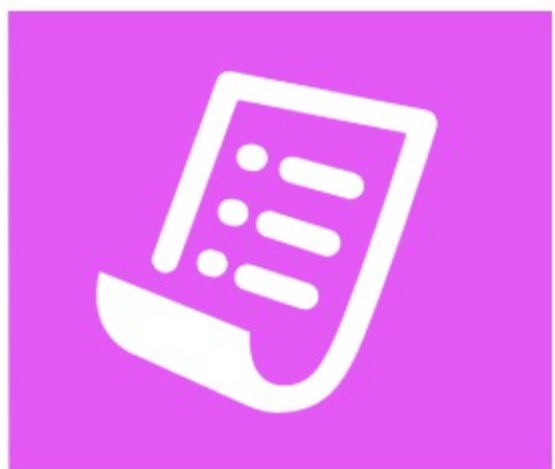
A random, unbiased, electronic lottery will be conducted centrally and students will be placed in accordance with their enrollment preferences.

**10 I do not have access to internet; can I submit a paper application? Where can I get assistance with completing the application?**

School sites, Los Angeles City Public Libraries and Local District offices have copies of the Choices Brochure and paper application. Parent workshops and fairs will be held to assist parents with filling out the application.

**11 Will resident students have priority enrollment?**

Yes.

**12 Do students currently enrolled in a Dual Language/Bilingual program need to re-apply?**

No. However, a new application is needed for matriculating students.

**13 Since families are applying through the Choices application, will Dual Language/Bilingual applicants accrue points?**

No. Only students applying for Magnet programs will accrue Magnet priority points.

**14 How many different school programs can I apply to?**

Parents can apply to all 3 programs (Magnet, PWT, Dual Language/Bilingual). For Magnet and Dual Language/Bilingual schools, you may apply for up to 3 choices for each program.

**15 How many programs could I be selected to?**

You could be selected to all programs to which you applied. However, you may only accept one program by the April 2018 deadline.

**16 Who will I contact in regard to Dual Language/Bilingual programs?**

Please contact the Dual Language/Bilingual Programs Office at (213) 241-2550.
