



Bruce Drysdale Dual Language Program

Bruce Drysdale School exists to reach all students and teach them to be successful step by step.

At BDS we are proud to offer a Dual Language kindergarten option. This program continues through fifth grade. The BDS dual language program includes two groups of students: native Spanish speakers and native English speakers.

This makes the dual language program two-way in two ways! Two languages are used for instruction and two groups of students are involved. The language is the vehicle for content instruction; it is not the subject of instruction itself.

DL kindergarten students spend the majority of their day receiving instruction in Spanish. Teachers teach the same curriculum and standards as traditional kindergarten teachers.

The goal of the DL program is to facilitate high student academic achievement, promote language development in English and Spanish, and instill cross-cultural understanding among our students so they will succeed in a culturally-diverse world.

Instruction in two languages is proven to:

- Strengthen problem solving abilities
- Increase cognitive development
- Increase vocabulary development
- Improve executive function
- Raise achievement scores

For those interested families, names will be drawn from a lottery before class lists are created.

When you register at Bruce Drysdale, we will ask if you'd like to be added to the lottery.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or visit Bruce Drysdale School at (828)697-5568. You may also contact Simone Wertenberger, at Central Office (828) 697-4733 for more information.