**Program Participation**

Incoming students who speak Spanish, English or are bilingual at home are eligible. The application process begins in February of the student’s pre-kindergarten year.

Interested families must complete and submit an application form for each incoming kindergarten student.

Classroom enrollment will consist of a balanced blend of Spanish and English speakers.

Families do not have to be bilingual to have a student participate in the program.

**Priority Enrollment**

1. Students living within the Tukwila Elementary boundary
2. Students living within the Tukwila School District boundary
3. Students living outside Tukwila whose families can provide their own transportation

**NOTE:**
If there are more applicants than spaces available, students will be placed on a waiting list and will be added as space permits. The wait list will not carry over from year-to-year.

Students enrolled in the program are expected to continue in the program each year.

If you are interested in having your child participate in the Dual Language Program, please contact principal Steve Salisbury at salisburys@tukwila.wednet.edu

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**A day in the life of a Dual Language Student:**

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Tukwila Elementary
Spanish/English Dual Language Program

*Starts Fall 2020*
Program Purpose
Develop bilingual/biliterate students who can read, write, and speak at or above grade level in both Spanish and English.

Program Model
Students will:
- Have two teachers
- Be immersed in each language for half their day as they study the same subjects as all students in the school.
- Have a language buddy from their non-dominant language so students can learn from each other.
- Learn to read and write in both languages.

Spanish, English and bilingual speakers are instructed together in all subjects.

Program Description
Tukwila Elementary’s dual language program provides instruction in Spanish and English. Half the day is taught in Spanish and half the day is taught in English. Students enter the program in kindergarten and stay in the program through fifth grade.

- Academic instruction is presented in English and Spanish.
- Teachers use Spanish or English depending on the subject.
- All program curricular and instructional decisions are based on current research.
- School-wide support by school administrators, teachers and parents.
- Rigorous core academic curriculum aligned to Washington State Learning Standards.

Why Choose a Dual Language Program?
Studies show that students who participate in a Dual Language Program will:
- Become fluent speakers, readers, and writers in Spanish and English.
- Cultivate an understanding and appreciation of other cultures and prepare for a global economy.
- Enhance brain development and develop stronger problem solving skills.
- Develop better memory and increased ability to pay attention.
- Improve academic performance in class and on standardized tests.