Students will achieve bilingual proficiency in both English and Spanish.

Students will reach high levels of academic achievement in both languages.

Students will be cross-cultural ambassadors for our school, community, and society.

Classroom Language Allocations

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 Irving DLI 4th and 5th grade students will receive 50% of their content area instruction in English and 50% in Spanish.

Two-Way DLI Target Students

In each DLI class, 50% of the students began the DLI program as English only speakers. The other 50% are students who are bilingual.

Positive Impacts of DLI Programs

Increased Cognitive Dexterity and Problem-solving Skills

Enhanced Communication Skills

Strengthen Self-perception and Identity

Bilingual adults tend to have higher average salaries and GREATER career opportunities than people who speak only one language.

“In diversity there is beauty and there is strength.”

-Maya Angelou

**DLI Vision**

The School City of Hammond Dual Language Immersion Program is a rigorous academic program that develops high linguistic and academic proficiency in both Spanish and English while ensuring that students become life-long learners of culture that will enhance their global perspectives.

**DLI Mission**

Supported by the three Pillars of Dual Language Education, the School City of Hammond Dual Language Immersion Program will ensure that all students reach high levels of academic achievement, develop biliteracy and bilingualism, and cultivate global competence in order to thrive in a multicultural society.
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