

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Will my child be confused with two languages?

A: No, research shows children do not have difficulty learning and keeping languages separate.

Q: How can my child participate in the program?

A: Students with a Spanish-speaking background who qualify to receive English Language Learner (ELL) services are entitled to participate in this program (Illinois Administrative Code).

English-dominant students are invited to participate in this enrichment program at their homeschool where the Two-Way Dual Language Program is offered. Admission into this program is based on space availability by grade level.

Q: How do I enroll my child?

A: Parents/legal guardians of incoming kindergarten and/or first grade students must fill out a "Dual Language Interest Form". This form is available on our website or if preferred, parents can request the DL Interest Form at any of the schools with the Dual Language Program.

Q: What if my child is English-dominant and my school does not offer the Two-Way (TW) Dual Language (DL) Program?

A: Parents of English-dominant children may apply for the TW DL Program at the assigned TW DL Satellite School. If accepted, parents will need to provide their own transportation. Preference into the program is given to students living within the attendance area. For a list of the TW DL Satellite Schools as well as more information about the DL Program in U-46, please visit the [80:20 Dual Language Program section](#) of the ELL webpage.

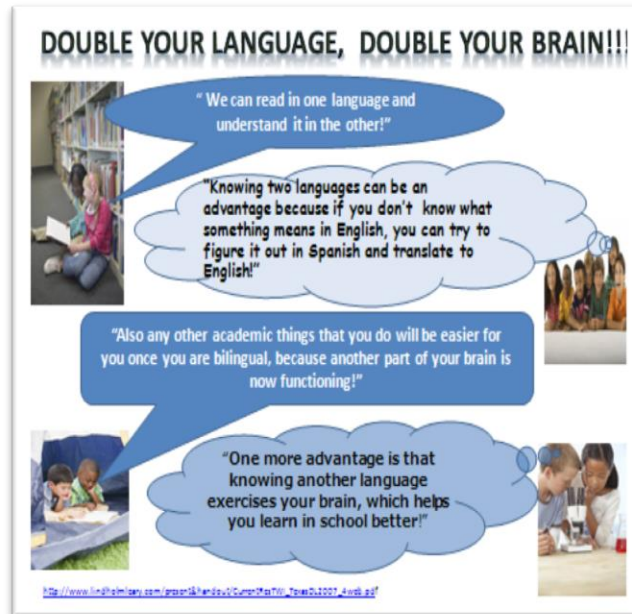
Q: Where can I find more information about the 80:20 Dual Language Program in U-46?

If you have computer access, a great place to start is the 80:20 Dual Language Program section of the ELL webpage at www.u-46.org under Departments>> [Dual Language](#). Parents and family members are also invited to attend the DL informational sessions held at different locations. In order to facilitate access to this valuable information, parents are able to select meetings held in English or Spanish. Parents are also welcome to contact their attendance schools to schedule a possible DL classroom visit.



The VISION of U-46 is to inspire individuals to convert their dreams into realities.

The MISSION of U-46 is to provide a great place for all students to learn, all teachers to teach, and all employees to work. All means all.



For more information, please contact:

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[Dual Language](#)



U-46 ELL Department Spanish/English 80:20 Dual Language Program

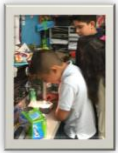


Attention Parents!
Don't miss this great opportunity

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Learn how your child can become a well-rounded citizen in this global society who has the POWER to SPEAK, READ, WRITE and UNDERSTAND in two languages!

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What is Dual Language?

The Dual Language Program is a form of bilingual education in which students are taught literacy and academic content in two languages. It offers a unique opportunity for students to excel academically and learn a second language!

Dual language programs foster:

- **bilingualism**
- **bi-literacy**
- **enhanced awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity**
- **high levels of academic achievement through instruction in two languages.**



WHAT DOES THE RESEARCH SAY ABOUT DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS?

By late elementary school or middle school, Dual Language (DL) students of varied backgrounds achieve at/above non-DL peers in general education classes.

Research shows that there are fewer high school drop-outs from dual language programs than from other programs.

Research also indicates that most dual language students expect to attend college. Thus, not only do dual language programs appear to improve academic performance, but they may also enhance job opportunities in the future.



80:20 SPANISH/ ENGLISH DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM IN U-46

The U-46 Dual Language Program mirrors and honors the linguistic and cultural diversity of our learning community.

In our 80:20 Dual Language Program Model design, students learn school subjects through both English and Spanish. Students are able to develop high level of academic and language proficiency in their first and second language.

The curricula implemented in the dual language classrooms are School District U-46's adopted curricula and are taught through scaffolding and interactive approaches, which ensure that children learn the academic content while developing their first and second languages.

Language allocation by grade level:

Grade Level	% in Spanish	% in English
Kindergarten	80%	20%
1 st grade	70%	30%
2 nd grade	60%	40%
3 rd - 6 th grade	50%	50%
7 th grade & 8 th grade	Spanish Language Arts & Social Studies	ESL/ELA Math Science PE Elective

DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM GOALS

The goals of the Dual Language Program are:

- Students will be at or above grade level.
- Students will develop high levels of academic and linguistic proficiency in their first and second language.
- Students will demonstrate positive cross-cultural attitudes and behaviors.



BENEFITS OF THE DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS

Students develop proficiency in two languages.

Students perform as well as or better than their peers in non-dual language classrooms.

All students develop a positive sense of self and multicultural competencies.

Students also develop intercultural and global competence that prepares them to succeed in today's increasingly competitive global society.

