

Bilingual and Biliterate by Grade 8

90/10 Model

How does Dual Immersion work? What does it look like at Beach?

Beach follows the 90/10 dual immersion model, which means 90% of instruction in the first year is in Spanish and 10% is in English. Over the course of the primary grades, the percentage of instruction in Spanish decreases, while the percentage of instruction in English gradually increases. By 4th grade, instruction time in each language reaches a 50/50 ratio and instruction in each language is evenly divided.

Students will develop high levels of proficiency in their first language. This means that native English speakers will develop high levels of listening, speaking, reading and writing ability in English and English language learners will develop these same abilities in Spanish. Neither group of students will have to forego development in the native language as second language proficiency improves.

“Well implemented dual immersion programs are among the most impressive forms of education available in the United States. Students who participate in these programs gain grade level ability, well-developed language and literacy skills in two languages and cross-cultural competence.” ~The Education Alliance

As our world becomes more interconnected, we increasingly depend upon good communication and understanding among people of diverse beliefs and backgrounds. A dual immersion program can provide students with a unique linguistic, cultural and professional advantage in today's world.

Parents select bilingual programs to challenge and stimulate their children's cognitive, social, and linguistic development. Parents are not only concerned with ensuring that their children are exposed to another language, but also want their children to experience a wider range of cultural perspectives.

Other Dual Immersion Website Resources:

Center for Applied Linguistics

<http://www.cal.org/topics/ell/>

National Dual Language Consortium

www.dual-language.org

National Association for Bilingual Education

www.nabe.org

Research on TWI programs

www.csos.jhu.edu/crespar/techReports/Report63.pdf

What is Dual Immersion?

Dual Immersion programs use two languages for literacy and content instruction for all students. These programs provide the same academic content and address the same standards as other educational programs. They provide instruction in the two languages over an extended period of time, from kindergarten through eighth grade.

What the experts say:

“The American public is under the impression that bilingual education doesn't work. Yet even a quick glance at the professional literature shows that it does. Study after study has reported that children in bilingual programs typically outperform their counterparts in all-English programs on tests of academic achievement in English. Or, at worst, they do just as well. Numerous reviews of the research have confirmed this conclusion.” ~ Stephen Krashen, USC

“Students who can enjoy an additive language program that enables them to add a second language to their first, demonstrate higher levels of language proficiency, achievement, and self-concept.” ~ Katheryn Lindholm-Leary, SJSU

Goals of the Program

- Children enrolled in our Dual Immersion program from Kindergarten through 8th grade will become bilingual and biliterate by the end of 8th grade.
- Students learn at their grade level and develop positive attitudes toward the two languages and the cultures they represent.
- All students develop positive self-image, multicultural awareness and appreciation for diversity.



Beach School PK-8th Grade



“Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire.” ~W. B. Yeats

School Guidelines:

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe
- Be Kind



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Beach School

A great educational option!

Beach School is nestled in a traditional North Portland neighborhood near The MAX Light Rail. The school is characterized by a collaborative and caring staff and community. Featuring a program rich in the use of technology and art, Beach provides strong academic curriculum for all students.

- Dual language classes are available PK-8th (Spanish and English)
- Programs target educational goals of the 21st century, including multicultural education and cooperative learning
- Early intervention and prevention are emphasized at Beach, where everyone is a partner in helping students succeed
- A holistic approach to learning focuses on the entire child, including family concerns and nutritional, social and medical needs.
- Strong parent, family and community support
- Spanish speaking secretary

Families offer support in a variety of ways:

- Parents serve on the Beach Site Council.
- Beach PTA (Parent Teacher Association) provides program, volunteer, organizational and monetary support to the school.
- The Beach After School Enrichment Program (BASE) is funded and supported by the Beach PTA.
- There is an active group of parents focusing on school beautification, inside and outside.
- Beach features a Green Team helping the school and community recycle, conserve and reuse when possible.
- Fundraising support provided through the PTA Fundraising Committee and an annual school auction.
- Family members help coordinate school activities; assist with health screenings and book fairs; volunteer in classrooms and the library; and accompany students on field trips.
- Family volunteer coordinators lend support services to students and families.
- Family involvement helps students succeed and is strongly encouraged.

After School Activities:

We strive, in partnership with our PTA, to provide engaging and relevant after school activities for students. Beach has an After School Academy, After School Enrichment Program (BASE), and Chess Club. In addition, numerous after school activity clubs such as sports, art and music are offered each trimester. Beach 4th-8th grade students participate on 6 basketball teams through Showtime Athletics and Playworks. Before/After School Care is also available by YMCA.

Beach Community Partners:

- Playworks <http://www.playworks.org>
- Knowledge Universe <http://www.kueducation.com>
- OSU Extension Services <http://extension.oregonstate.edu>
- Right Brain Initiative www.therightbraininitiative.org
- Nike Portland Leadership Collaborative <http://nikeschoolinnovationfund.org/about/portland-public-schools/>
- Suzuki Violin Program www.suzuki-violin.com
- Chess for Success www.chessforsuccess.org



How can I learn more about Beach School?

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Beach School Website: www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/beach

Beach PTA Website: <http://beachpta.org>

Grade Levels: Pre-K - 8th Grade

Student Enrollment 2011-2012: 5

Demographics from 2011-2012:

Asian	African American	Hispanic	Native American	White	Multiple Races
4.3%	16.2%	34.9%	1.0%	31.1%	7.2%

For detailed achievement information go to:

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/depts-c/rne/results>

How do I register my child at Beach?

If you live in the neighborhood, please complete the registration packet. You can download it at: www.beach.pps.k12.or.us under the PDF Registration Packet link, or pick one up in Beach School's Main Office between the hours of 8:30am- 4:00 pm, Mon-Fri.

Bring in the following to Beach School:

- Completed registration packet
- Child's birth certificate
- Child's immunization records
- 2 current proofs of address (utility bill, phone bill, car insurance, etc.)

How do I apply for enrollment into the Beach Dual Immersion Program?

All families must submit a School Choice Lottery Application during the Transfer cycle (Neighborhood families included). You may obtain a School Choice Lottery Application in any school office or via Website:

www.pps.k12.or.us/schools-c/make_a_choice.php

ABCs of Kindergarten Round-Up:

(Phone) 503.916.3230

www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/kindergarten

Pre-Kindergarten Registration Information:

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/funded-programs/4484.htm>

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