

## Immersion Education

Immersion Education in HEBISD began in 2001. There are over 350 Spanish Immersion students enrolled in the program in 2011-2012.

SI students in grades 1-5 have most of their content delivered in Spanish. In grade 6 when the Pre-AP ELA and math classes are offered, students are taught science and social studies in Spanish.

Beginning in grade 7 at either Harwood Junior High or Bedford Junior High, students take a special Spanish 2 class for Spanish Immersion students. Spanish 3 for Spanish Immersion students is taught over a two-year period in grades 8 and 9.

When students enter high school, they are enrolled in AP Spanish 4 so they can take the AP Spanish Language test at the end of their sophomore year. They can then continue with their Spanish studies in AP Spanish Literature and/or IB Spanish. Another option junior year is to enroll in French or German to become trilingual. Research shows that it is much easier to pick up a third language once one has mastered a second language.



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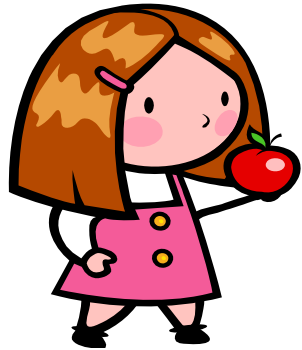
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2012



*Spanish Immersion is an exciting opportunity for students to fully develop a second language and experience world cultures, better preparing them for the work world of the future.*

## What is involved in applying for Spanish Immersion?



Only students entering first grade are eligible to apply to Spanish Immersion.

### Steps in the Application Process

- Applications become available starting January 3, 2012, at Meadow Creek Elementary and Bedford Heights Elementary, the sites of the elementary Spanish Immersion Programs.
- All parents of HEB kindergarten students are invited to the **Schools of Choice informational meeting which will be held at 7:00 P.M. on January 31, 2012**, at the Pat May Center, 1849B Central Drive, Bedford 76022.

- **All applications for Spanish Immersion must be turned in by February 29, 2012, to either Meadow Creek Elementary or Bedford Heights Elementary.**

Transfer requests are due at the same time for the applicant and any siblings who want to attend the two schools.

- If there are more applicants than openings, a Spanish Immersion lottery will be held at 9:00 A.M. on March 30, 2012, in the Board Room at the Central Administration Building, 1849 Central Drive, Bedford.
- All applicants will be screened for severe language delays that have been evidenced in kindergarten.
- Acceptance/denial letters for the Spanish Immersion program will be mailed to parents by April 13, 2012.
- The deadline for parents to accept participation in the program is April 27, 2012.
- A district-wide meeting for parents new to the program will be held in May/June 2012.

*Almost 100% of the content instruction is given in Spanish in the first grade. Because we want our Spanish Immersion students to have the best chance for success, here are some things to consider...*

#### ❖ *Spanish Immersion is for students who...*

- *have parents **committed** to reading to them in English EVERY night.*
- *have English as their first language.*
- *“catch on” to skills easily.*
- *are motivated learners.*
- *complete tasks in an appropriate amount of time.*
- *are confident and ready to take risks.*
- *do not have severe language delays in kindergarten.*

