

Alamo Heights Independent School District

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Action Required by: January 22, 2016 no later than 4:30 p.m.

Dear Parents of Dual Language Students:

AHISD is preparing to conduct information sessions for the lottery for the 2016-2017 First Grade Dual Language classes. Before these sessions are held, it is important to know how many Dual Language siblings are eligible for the classes. Therefore, if you have a child who is currently enrolled in kindergarten at Howard Early Childhood Center, will be an AHISD first grader in 2016-2017, and you wish to enroll him/her in the Dual Language program, <u>please return the enclosed form to the Curriculum Office no later</u> *than January 22, 2016*. Siblings of current Dual Language students will be automatically accepted into the 2014-2015 first grade class <u>provided the application form is received in the curriculum office no later</u> *than January 22, 2016*. If the sibling application form is not received by January 22, 2016 and you would still like for your child to participate in either the Dual Language or Spanish Immersion program, you must participate in the lottery.

During the 2011-2012 school year, AHISD implemented a Dual Language program for our English Language Learners as well as other English speaking students who would like to participate. If you would like for your child to participate in the Spanish Immersion program instead of the Dual Language program next year, you must participate in the lottery for the Spanish Immersion program. This means you must attend the information session for the Dual Language and Spanish Information Programs on March 22 or March 30, 2016 in the Howard ECC Library at 6:00 p.m.

You can still turn in this form and reserve a space in the Dual Language classroom for your child prior to the lottery since the Dual Language sibling policy affords you that opportunity. <u>If your child does not get</u> <u>selected for Spanish Immersion Program, you will still be eligible for the Dual Language classroom space</u>. You will receive an email notifying you of receipt of your form. If you do not receive an email prior to the deadline, I recommend you contact my office at (210) 832-5954.

Again, the attached Sibling Application / Commitment form is due to the Curriculum office no later than <u>4:30 PM on January 22, 2016</u> to reserve your space in the Dual Language classroom.

Thank you for your continued support of the Dual Language program. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, the campus administrators, or me with your questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Nana Bashara

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Enclosures—Application Form and Timeline CC: Dr. Kevin Brown, Superintendent Debbie Garinger, Principal Laurel Babb, Principal