



# Alamo Heights Independent School District

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**Action Required by:  
January 20, 2017  
no later than 4:30 p.m.**

Dear Parents of Spanish Immersion Students:

AHISD is preparing to conduct information sessions for the lottery for the 2017-2018 First Grade Spanish Immersion classes. Before these sessions are held, it is important to know how many immersion 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 2017-2018, and you wish to enroll him/her in the immersion program, **please return the enclosed form to the Curriculum Office no later than January 20, 2017.** Siblings of current immersion students will be automatically accepted into the 2017-2018 first grade class **providing the application form is received in the curriculum office no later than January 20, 2017.** **If the sibling application form is not received by January 20, 2017 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.**

As you know, Alamo Heights has a class size waiver from the Texas Education Agency which allows us to place up to 26 students in the first grade Spanish Immersion classes. We have found that attrition in the Alamo Heights immersion classes is less than the national average. Current enrollment is as follows:

Campus	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	TOTALS
Cambridge	46	44	40	41	34	205
Woodridge	44	43	44	42	40	213
<b>Total Immersion Grades 1-5</b>						<b>418</b>

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 Dual Language program instead of the Spanish Immersion program next year, you must participate in the lottery for the Dual Language program.** This means you must attend the information sessions for the Dual Language and Spanish Immersion programs on **March 22 or March 29, 2017** in the Howard ECC Library at 6:00 p.m.

You can still turn in this form and reserve a space in the Spanish Immersion classroom prior to the lottery since the Spanish Immersion sibling policy affords you that opportunity. Then, if your child does not get selected for the Dual Language Program, you will still be eligible for the Spanish Immersion classroom space.

Again, the attached Sibling Application/Commitment form is due to the Curriculum office no later than **4:30 PM on January 20, 2017** to reserve your space in the Spanish Immersion classroom. You will receive an email indicating receipt of this form. If you do not receive an email prior to the deadline, I recommend you call my office at (210) 832-5954.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosures—Application Form and Timeline