



Application for Admission to the Dual Language / Spanish Immersion Program

2024-2025 School Year

ACTION REQUIRED BY: March 29, 2024 no later than 4:30 p.m.

Return completed application to: Alamo Heights ISD Administration Office

7101 Broadway San Antonio, TX 78209

Attn: Dr. Yadira Palacios, Director for Teaching and Learning, and Language Programs

HOME CAMPUS: Cambridge Elementary _____ Woodridge Elementary _____

Please check with the attendance office at Howard to verify your home campus.

Child's Name _____
Last First Middle

Date of Birth _____ Birthplace: _____ Age _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name (s) _____ Gender: __ Male or __ Female

Current Legal Address _____
Number Street (Apt. #) Zip Code

Email address: (Please Print) _____ Cell Phone _____

**** I attended the parent information session (select session):**

March 19, 2024

March 21, 2024

Program Preference:

(Please indicate your **program preference** below by writing the words "Dual Language" or "Spanish Immersion" next to the #1 and #2 Preference spaces. Doing so will enter your child in the lottery for the preferred program. If your child is not selected in the lottery for the preferred program, he/she will automatically be entered in the program of second preference, or placed on the waiting list (or both).

If you wish for your child to be considered for **only one of the programs** and not the other, **DO NOT write the words** "Dual Language" or "Spanish Immersion" next to the #1 and #2 Preference spaces; simply indicate this decision by checking the appropriate box below. **If you choose only one program, your child will have access to the lottery for that program only.**

#1 Preference: _____ #2 Preference: _____

OR (if you want your child to be considered for only one of the programs, check below)

Dual Language ONLY

or

Spanish Immersion ONLY

(Continued on back)

My child currently attends **Howard Early Childhood Center** in

(teacher's name) _____'s Classroom.

NOTE: If your Kindergartener has a sibling in the Dual Language or Spanish Immersion program, and you **DID NOT** turn in your sibling form, you will be included in the lottery.

By signing below, I understand that:

- A. Student enrollment in either the Dual Language Program or Spanish Immersion Program is optional.
- B. Admission into either the Dual Language Program or Spanish Immersion Program is open only to students attending kindergarten at Howard Early Childhood Center.
- C. Both the Dual Language Program and the Spanish Immersion Program require a 5-year parent commitment for grades 1-5.
- D. Applicants are admitted on a first-come, first-served basis. Siblings of students currently enrolled in either the Dual Language Program or Spanish Immersion Preference and siblings of students who have successfully completed all five years of either the Dual Language Program or the Spanish Immersion Program have preference to open slots over other applicants.
- E. If more applications are received than positions are available at the close of the application period for either program, the District will conduct a lottery to determine admissions.
- F. In accordance with Texas law, 50% of the students in each Dual Language Program class will be dominant English speakers and 50% of the students will be native Spanish speakers at the beginning of the program, whenever possible.
- G. The minimum enrollment requirement of Limited English Proficient (LEP) students for each Dual Language Program class under Texas law shall be the lesser of 30% of the students in the class, or all LEP students served at each home campus. Therefore, LEP applicants for the Dual Language Program will be given lottery precedence until the appropriate number of LEP students are admitted.
- H. Students enrolled in either of these Programs are expected to read in English every night at home in order to establish a foundation for English reading and writing skills.
- I. Students enrolled in either of these Programs may experience a lag in acquisition of English reading and writing skills, which will generally continue through the 4th grade.
- J. The maximum Spanish Immersion Program classes' size will be set between 24-26 students. Each Dual Language Program maximum class size is expected to be 22 students.
- K. **The Spanish Immersion and Dual Language Programs are offered at Cambridge and Woodridge Elementary Schools. Applicant parents must be willing to accept an assignment at either campus. Transportation to other than a student's home campus will not be provided by the District.**

I request and approve my child's participation in either the Dual Language Program or Spanish Immersion Program, as indicated above.

Mother's Signature

Father's Signature

Date

Date

NOTE: Falsification of information or records to the Alamo Heights Independent School District is a criminal offense under Penal Code 37.10 and enrolling the child under false documentation will result in immediate withdrawal of the student(s) and maintenance and operating expenses for the current year will be charged each student on a per school day basis. Education Code Section 25.002.

Admission into the Dual Language Program and the Spanish Immersion Program is not based on race, creed, color, religious affiliation, age, or handicapping condition.