



WHITE PLAINS  
DUAL LANGUAGE  
PROGRAM

# Our Program Goals

To provide a K-12 Dual Language experience for students which promotes:

❖ Bilingualism

❖ Biliteracy

❖ Biculturalism

# Brief Overview: The History of Dual Language Instruction in White Plains

## **2007– 08**

The District established a Dual Language Program at George Washington Elementary School.



## **2009-10**

A second Dual Language cohort was established at Post Road Elementary School.



## **2017-18**

A third Dual Language cohort will be established at one of our three remaining elementary schools.

# K-5 Instructional Model

## **Kindergarten:**

- Students are separated by dominant language for literacy development all year.
- Students are in mixed groups for math, science, social studies and special (art, music, PE, library).

## **Grade 1:**

- From September - January: Students are separated by dominant language for literacy instruction, and are in mixed groups for math, science and social studies all year and alternate daily.
- From February – June: Students are placed in mixed literacy groups for reading and writing instruction when their first language benchmark is met.

## **Grade 2:**

- Students are in mixed groups for reading, math, science and social studies.
- They alternate by unit for reading and writing, and they alternate daily for math, science & social studies.

## **Grades 3-5:**

- Instruction is departmentalized by language.
- ELA is provided in English, while math, science and social studies are offered in Spanish.
- Flexibility - Teachers may occasionally flip a unit. For example, a math unit and science unit would be taught in English, and a Language Arts unit would be taught in Spanish.

# Grade 6 Dual Language Program Eastview Middle School



Departmentalization is carried over from grade 5

# Choosing Program Options

- English Proficient students:
  - Parental input: Parents attend an informational meeting where 6<sup>th</sup> grade Dual Language course offerings are presented. Parents may choose one or all course offerings. (Students must meet criteria for DL advanced math.)
  - Students are evaluated individually for placement into Spanish Language Arts or Spanish for Spanish Speakers.
- English Language Learners:
  - Parental input: Parents are oriented to the benefits of a DL/Bilingual program.
  - Spanish Dominant English Language Learners are placed in up to three DL content classes in addition to their Spanish Language Arts class.
  - Entering /Emerging students receive 2 periods of English/ENL instruction with a dually certified teacher.

# 2016-17 Dual Language Course Offerings

Dual Language Social Studies

Dual Language Science

Dual Language Math

Dual Language Advanced Math

Spanish Language Arts

Spanish for Spanish Speakers

# Looking ahead...

## Grades 7 and 8 at Highlands Middle School

- Dual Language Social Studies, Math, and Science



## Spanish Language Instruction grades 6-12

- Spanish for Spanish Speakers
- Spanish Language Arts
- AP Spanish Language and Culture
- AP Spanish Literature

## NYS Seal of Biliteracy Program –

- First year of implementation at White Plains High School

