



A BILINGUAL JOURNEY FROM *Kindergarten to Graduation*



OAKLAND
CHRISTIAN
—SCHOOL—

WHAT IS THE SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM?

For English speaking families who want their child to become bilingual in Spanish. Your child could think more flexibly, approach problems from different perspectives, and become a stronger communicator all while naturally learning a second language.



In our Spanish Immersion classrooms, instruction is primarily in Spanish, allowing students to acquire the language naturally through daily learning. Enrollment is limited to Kindergarten or the beginning of 1st grade, as students build proficiency quickly and the program is designed for early entry to support long-term success in Spanish.

PILLARS OF DUAL LANGUAGE EDUCATION



Bilingualism & Biliteracy

Ability to speak and understand Spanish, and to read and write in both Spanish and English.



Academic Achievement

Ability to meet grade-level expectations across content areas.



Cultural Competency

Ability to understand, respect, and integrate diverse cultural perspectives.



The purpose fo the Spanish Immersion program is to enrich minds, shine a light on cultural awareness, and build faith, while promoting Christ-like love.

SI TIMELINE

Test prep - secondary school years



Professional Advantage

20%



About one-third of employers are looking for candidates who can speak more than one language, and bilingual employees may earn up to 20% more over the course of their careers.



Cognitive development in elementary school years



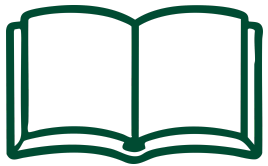
College admission



Adulthood

Travel and communicate with other cultures.

BENEFITS OF BILINGUALISM



Educational Advantage

Bilingual kids demonstrate superior reading, writing, social, and cognitive skills



Cultural Advantage

Learning a new language develops a natural curiosity about world cultures



Improves Emotional Health

Early multilingual exposure benefits emotional health and social development



Improves Social Skills

New studies indicate that multilingual exposure improves children's social skills.



Creative Advantage

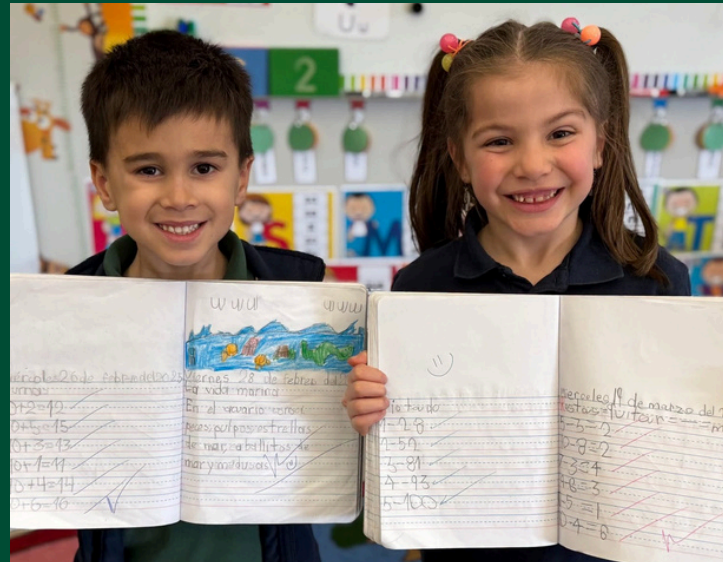
Bilingual kids score higher in creative thinking and problem solving in many studies



Increased Listening Skills

As children tune their hearing to learn new sounds and words, their listening skills develop

KINDERGARTEN - 2ND GRADE



Students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade receive 100% of their content instruction in the classroom in Spanish. This includes reading, math, language arts, science, social studies, and Bible. Teachers use visuals, motions, repetition, and modeling to ensure comprehensible input for students. Students learn how to use strategies such as circumlocution (using the words they know to explain the words they don't) to help them communicate only in Spanish. Enrichment classes such as physical education, music, art, technology, and chapel are taught in English.

3RD - 5TH GRADE

Once students reach 3rd grade, an intentional curriculum of English-specific skills is added to the day, along with some instructional time and reading and writing practice in English. All enrichment courses (art, music, physical education, technology, and library) are taught in English.



6TH - 8TH GRADE

In 6th through 8th grades, students receive three core classes per day in Spanish. These classes also contain a Spanish Language Arts focus to further improve their reading and writing abilities in Spanish, as well as their ability to express themselves about academic subjects and abstract concepts.



9TH-12TH GRADE

Our Spanish Immersion students continue developing fluency and confidence throughout high school through advanced coursework and college-level opportunities. Students begin with AP Spanish Language and Culture in 9th and 10th grade before moving into Dual Enrollment courses with Calvin University in 11th and 12th grade. Students also have the opportunity to earn the Michigan Seal of Biliteracy, recognizing proficiency in both English and Spanish and preparing them for future academic and professional opportunities.



SPANISH IMMERSION ELEMENTARY PATHWAY

KINDERGARTEN

SPANISH

Language Arts,
Math, Science,
Bible, Social
Studies

ENGLISH

Specials
(STEAM, PE,
Tech, Library,
Music, Art)

1ST GRADE

SPANISH

Language Arts,
Math, Science,
Bible, Social
Studies

ENGLISH

Specials
(STEAM, PE,
Tech, Library,
Music, Art)

2ND GRADE

SPANISH

Language Arts,
Math, Science,
Bible, Social
Studies

ENGLISH

Specials
(STEM, PE,
Tech, Library,
Music, Art)

3RD GRADE

SPANISH

Language Arts,
Math, Science,
Bible

ENGLISH

ESS, Social
Studies, Specials
(STEM, PE, Tech,
Library, Music,
Art)

4TH GRADE

SPANISH

Language Arts,
Math, Science

ENGLISH

ESS, Social
Studies, Bible,
Specials (STEM,
PE, Tech Library,
Music, Art)

5TH GRADE

SPANISH

Language Arts,
Math, Science

ENGLISH

ESS, Social
Studies, Bible,
Specials (STEM,
PE, Tech Library,
Music, Art)

**AAPPL
ASSESSMENT**

SPANISH IMMERSION MIDDLE SCHOOL PATHWAY

6TH GRADE

Spanish Language
Arts, SI Social Studies,
Advisory Block, Bible

6th

7th

7TH GRADE

Spanish Language
Arts, SI Social Studies,
Advisory Block, Bible

8th

8TH GRADE

Spanish Language Arts,
SI Social Studies,
Advisory Block, Bible,

***WORLD LANGUAGE CREDIT,
AAPPL ASSESSMENT**

SPANISH IMMERSION HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAY

9th

**Ap Spanish
Language and
Culture I**

10th

**Ap Spanish
Language and
Culture II**

11th

**Dual Enrollment*
Calvin University**

**SPAN 300
SPAN 341**

12th

**Dual Enrollment*
Calvin University**

**SPAN 308
SPAN 309**

**Michigan Seal of
Biliteracy**

***4 or 5 on the AP Spanish Language and
Culture Exam**

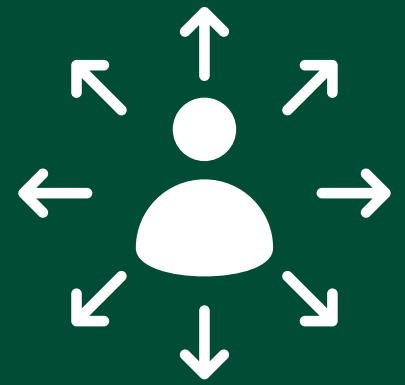
WHY SPANISH IMMERSION?



**Positive Influence on Brain
Development**



**Builds Global Awareness
and Empathy**



**Increased Job Opportunities
in Many Career Fields**

PARENT TESTIMONIAL

🗨️ We have two kids enrolled at OCS in the Spanish Immersion Program and they absolutely love it. As a parent, it's amazing to see how they adapt to the challenging environment of learning how to communicate with their teachers and friends in a different language. OCS does an incredible job with both facilitating the learning experience for the children and providing a faith-centered space for them to learn and grow in Christ. I thoroughly enjoy being a part of the OCS community and I'm confident that the friends my children make, the education they are receiving, and most importantly the spiritual growth they experience on a daily basis will encourage and empower them as they grow in their lives and their faith. **-OCS Parent**

SPANISH IMMERSION FAQ'S

Why should I consider enrolling my child in an Immersion Program at a young age?

Immersion programs are one of the most effective ways for children to become fluent in a second language. Starting at a young age helps students build strong communication skills, cultural awareness, and a foundation for future academic and career opportunities.

When will my child learn English? Will he/she be behind?

English instruction begins in 3rd grade. Before then, students build strong reading and writing skills in Spanish, so they are not behind academically. Once English instruction begins, students transfer those skills into English while continuing to grow in both languages.

Will learning everything in a second language affect my child's English Language and literacy development?

Research shows that immersion programs support and often strengthen English language and literacy development. Over time, students typically perform at or above grade level in both languages and often score highly on English reading assessments.

What can I do to support my child's immersion experience since I don't speak Spanish?

Stay positive and encouraging! The best way to support your child is by regularly reading to them in English and giving them opportunities to use English in everyday settings. Trust the immersion process—children are capable of successfully learning and growing in two languages.

DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE OF *Immersion*

Questions?

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Schedule a tour today

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