Who We Are

About Us
Dual language is a form of bilingual education in which students are taught literacy and content in two languages. At Irving Elementary, the students are learning that content in English and Spanish.

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Parent Commitment
Parents will make a commitment on behalf of their child and themselves to participate in the Dual Language Program through fifth grade. Parents are strongly encouraged to continue enrolling their student(s) in dual language courses throughout middle and high school.

Parents can further assist the Dual Language teachers by:
- Ensuring that their child has good attendance.
- Reading with their child daily.
- Being active in their child’s education.
- Volunteering in their child’s classroom.
- Attending school functions.

How Can Parents Help Their Student at Home?
- Read with your child nightly.
- Ask them questions about what they have read.
- Stay in contact with their teachers.
How Does the Dual Language Program Look at Irving Elementary?

All students in the program receive instruction 50% of the time in English and 50% of the time in Spanish.

All students in the program learn a second language through content-based instruction while enhancing their first language.

Students in this program will be able to speak, read, write, and achieve in both English and Spanish.

At Irving Elementary School, we are committed to Language Acquisition for all students, through the over-arching areas of Math, Literacy, and Climate.

Benefits:

Students participating in this program will become fully bi-literate.

Appreciation for other cultures is an integrated part of the curriculum.

Curriculum is innovative and research-based, and is proven successful in other schools throughout the world.

Bilingual students outperform their peers on academic measures after 5th grade.

“I love that the Dual Language Program is preparing my children for an ever-changing world. They will have so many more opportunities in life by being bi-literate.” –Parent

FAQ’s

Q: Is there any additional cost involved?
A: No. The Dual Language program is offered at no cost to Iowa residents.

Q: Will my child be confused learning in two languages?
A: No, studies have shown that children have no difficulty keeping languages separate.

Q: Do the parents need to be bilingual?
A: No, we ask that you speak with your child in your first language, and we’ll help you provide support in the second language.

Q: How will my child demonstrate mastery of the content in one language if he/she learned it in the other?
A: The skills they are learning will transfer from one language to the other.