

Richland School District Annual Parent Notice 2020-2021

Available Language Programs and Language Acquisition Programs

The Richland School District offers the following language and language acquisition programs for student enrollment. Parents/Guardians may choose a language acquisition program that best suits their child (*EC* Section 310[a]):

Dual-Language Immersion (DLI) Program (English/Spanish) Structured English Immersion (SEI) Program

How to Enroll Your Child in a Language Acquisition Program:

Please contact your child's school principal to request a language acquisition program, including our dual language program. If a specific request is not made, your child will be placed in the SEI program according to his/her language needs. A description of the programs provided is as follows:

- **Dual-Language Immersion (DLI) Program (English/Spanish):** A language acquisition program that provides integrated language learning and academic instruction for native speakers of English and native speakers of another language, with the goals of high academic achievement, first and second language proficiency, and cross-cultural understanding. *EC* Section 306(c)(1).
- **Structured English Immersion (SEI) Program:** A language acquisition program for English learners in which nearly all classroom instruction is provided in English, but with curriculum and a presentation designed for pupils who are learning English. *Education Code (EC)* sections 305(a)(2) and 306(c)(3).

Programs are designed using evidence-based research and include both designated and integrated English language development.

Through our LCAP process and feedback from our stakeholders, sufficient resources to effectively implement any language acquisition program are provided for areas including having certificated teachers with the appropriate authorizations for the programs, instructional materials, and pertinent professional development. Through our LCAP process, there are multiple opportunities for parent/community engagement to support the programs and goals.

How to Request the Establishment of a New Program at a School:

Schools in which the parents or legal guardians of 30 pupils or more per school or the parents or legal guardians of 20 pupils or more in any grade request a language acquisition program that is designed to provide language instruction shall be required to offer such a program to the extent possible. (*EC* Section 310[a].) The basic process at the Richland School District is as follows:

1. Schools receive and track parent requests - once the threshold discussed above is reached:
2. Communicate with parents and stakeholders
3. Conduct a cost and resources analysis
4. Make a final determination

To request a new language acquisition program, please submit a verbal or written request to the office at your child's school.

Parent and Community Engagement:

As stated previously, parents may provide input regarding language and language acquisition programs in the Richland School District or to be considered in the Richland School District during the development of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (*EC* Section 52062.).

If interested in a different program from those listed above, or if you have any questions about this notice, please contact Annette Blacklock, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services at (661) 746-8600.