

Patchogue-Medford School District

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Dear Families,

Your child has a wonderful opportunity to participate in our dual language program starting in Kindergarten. Read below for a small description. If you are interested in more information, please complete the survey in the registration packet and we will contact you. Please note that we maintain a wait list and students enter the program based on a lottery system.

What is Dual Language?

Proficiency in more than one language is a valuable skill to be cultivated and nurtured in our schools and communities.

Dual Language education is an effective approach to developing language proficiency and literacy in English and Spanish. We promote bilingualism (ability to speak in two languages) and biliteracy (ability to read and write in two languages), grade-level academic achievement and cross-cultural competence in all students. Students maintain their native language while adding another language, and they develop pride in their own culture while developing an understanding of others.

Our classes integrate native English speakers and native Spanish speakers for academic content instruction through both languages beginning in Kindergarten through 6th grade.

Please complete the enclosed survey if interested, and you will be provided more information.

Sincerely,

Dali Rastello