



## **Spanish Immersion Specialty Program at Ramirez Elementary**

A Spanish Immersion program is designed for English-speaking students who wish to become fluent in Spanish. Students enter the program in Pre-K or Kindergarten. The curriculum for language arts/reading, mathematics, science, and social studies is delivered entirely in Spanish until third grade. Students then begin formal English classes to work on comprehension, spelling, writing, grammar, and decoding for reading accuracy and fluency. In third grade, reading strategies are strengthened. Students continue to work on spelling rules and writing skills. The amount of English language arts instruction increases through fifth grade.

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- Attend a World Language Immersion Program Meeting in November or December 2020
- Sign the World Language Immersion Program Agreement
- Give consent for the child to be tested (Woodcock-Munoz Language Assessment)
- Commit to the continuation of the program from Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Students **not** currently enrolled at Ramirez need to complete the specialty program transfer application online. The transfer window opens on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am and closes on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.
- Special consideration will be given to students who have a family member currently employed and/or a sibling attending their school of choice.
- After the window closes, all students that have successfully completed the Woodcock-Munoz Language Assessment and applied for a transfer for Pre-K and Kindergarten grade levels will be determined by a lottery system as long as there is space available at Ramirez Elementary.
- If the student is not placed at Ramirez due to the capacity of the campus (physical space and staffing), the student will enroll in his/her home campus.
- It is important to note that at the conclusion of the school year, a transfer may be nonrenewed (revoked) for one of the reasons addressed in the transfer agreement (i.e. poor attendance, persistent and or serious misbehavior, numerous write-ups in behavior folder, failing citizenship grades).
- Students will be notified by March 24, 2021 of the transfer decision.

