



Southern Lehigh School District 2020 Spanish Immersion Program Commitment Agreement

In order to be eligible for sibling preference process, (see Policy 200.1) parents and/or guardians of interested children must:

1. be registered for first grade in the Southern Lehigh School District according to District Policy 200 Enrollment
2. family must be residents of Southern Lehigh School District and meet registration requirements according to Policy 200 Enrollment by specified date
3. meet orientation requirement (for Parents/Guardians new to the program),
4. submit a signed program commitment agreement, and
5. submit an online application form by the published deadline.

To meet orientation requirements each of the following must be completed for families new to Spanish Immersion. Parents of siblings MAY participate, but **orientation activities are not required.**

1. Attended live Parent Information Session on November 20, 2019, or February 4, 2020 (snow date February 5, 2020) **OR**
 Viewed recorded Parent Information Session online.
2. Participated in Spanish Immersion Classroom Visits on February 19, 2020 (snow date February 20, 2020) **OR**
 Viewed recorded Parent Information Session online.
3. Viewed at least 3 recorded interviews with Spanish Immersion Teachers, Parents, and Students online.

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After completing the prerequisite orientation activities, or as a parent of a sibling enrolled in the program, I clearly understand that:

- English instruction will not begin until third grade. Only English exposure in grades one and two will come from home environment.**
- I am responsible for continuing to work with my child's English language development. This will require varying amounts of time that I must invest in my child's education.**
- This includes:**
 - **ORAL LANGUAGE and VOCABULARY**
 - **READING**
 - **WRITING**
 - *****These three skills are crucial for making connections to a second language.**

- Placement in Spanish Immersion is recommended for students whose English skills are progressing at or above grade level.*
- I will NOT translate for my child because this is not the natural way to acquire a second language.*
- I intend to keep my child in the program for the entire 5+ years and understand that any concerns regarding a student's academic progress will be addressed jointly among the teachers, principal, and parents.*
- I understand that withdrawing my child from the program early prevents another child from experiencing the program since the slot cannot be filled beyond 2nd grade.*

I have read the 2020 1st Grade Spanish Immersion Expectations Agreement, and understand and accept the expectations as listed above and wish for my child to be enrolled for 2020 – 2021 1st Grade Spanish Immersion.

PARENT'S NAME: _____

(Please print first and last name)

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____

(Please print first and last name)

DATE: _____