



Southern Lehigh School District 2026 Spanish Immersion Program Commitment Agreement

In order to be eligible for the 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 Southern Lehigh School District residents and meet registration requirements according to Policy 200 Enrollment by the specified date.*
3. *Meet orientation requirements (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.*

The student being registered is:

- ☐ ***Sibling of Current Immersion Student***
- ☐ ***New to the Program***

*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. ☐ ***Attend One of the Following Parent Information Sessions:***

- *January 21, 2026*
- *March 11, 2026*

2. ☐ ***Register your child in the Southern Lehigh School District by May 13, 2026***

Program Commitment Agreement

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 the 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 agree to allow my information to be shared with other Spanish Immersion families.*
- OR–
- *I do NOT want my information to be shared with other Spanish Immersion families.*
- ***I have read the 2026-2027 1st Grade Spanish Immersion Expectations Agreement, and understand and accept the expectations as listed above, and wish for my child to be enrolled for 2026-2027 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: _____