

# Seal of Biliteracy

*Seal of Biliteracy Pathway*

Elementary School  
"Biliteracy Award"  
End of 3rd & 5th Grade



Middle School  
"Biliteracy Attainment Award"  
End of 8th Grade



High School  
Seal of Biliteracy  
End of 12th Grade



## How to Enroll

Parents who wish to enroll their child must register for kindergarten, attend a mandatory Informational Parent Meeting, visit the kindergarten DI class, and attend the kindergarten round-up to be entered in the lottery.

For further information call or visit the school.



Hamilton Elementary School  
277 Capay Ave  
P.O. Box 277  
Hamilton City, CA 95951

Phone: 530-826-3474  
Fax: 530-826-0419  
[www.husdschools.org](http://www.husdschools.org)



## Hamilton Elementary School Dual Immersion Program K-5



# Dual Immersion Program

## Mission

Develop bilingual/biliterate students that are high achieving in academics, are college, career, globally ready, and sociocultural competence.

## Overview

The Dual Immersion program is designed to provide an additive bilingual environment that has full support of school administrators, teachers, and parents. Both English and Spanish speakers are instructed together. There are no translations or repeated lessons. All students learn to read and write in Spanish first.

## Goals and Benefits

- Develop a high level of proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing in both English and Spanish.
- Prepare students to perform at or above grade level in both languages.
- Foster positive attitudes toward other languages and cultures.
- Promote self-esteem and leadership skills.

## Program Model

Hamilton Elementary School's Dual Immersion program is a 90:10 model as a strand within the school. Language learning is accelerated in the classroom.

Grade	Spanish	English
Kindergarten &	90%	10%
Second	80%	20%
Third	70%	30%
Fourth	60%	40%
Fifth	50%	50%

## Parent/Student Commitment

Parent participation is an integral part of the Dual Immersion Program. All parents must participate in ongoing parent meetings and support their children with daily homework. Parents and students will make a long term commitment in order for the student to gain the full benefit of the program.

*¡Hablamos Español!*

## Frequently Asked Questions

*Q: How do Spanish speakers specifically benefit from this program?*

A: Spanish speakers advance academically and socially while becoming bilingual. They maintain their first language, Spanish, while learning a second language, English, as young students, when language acquisition is most effective. Spanish speakers also gain socially by making friendships across cultural, ethnic, and linguistic boundaries.

*Q: How do English speakers specifically benefit from this program?*

A: English speakers acquire a new language in the early years when the brain is most receptive to new language acquisition. Most become highly proficient in the target language, typically far better than those who begin to learn a new language later in life. English speakers also gain socially by making friendships across cultural, ethnic, and linguistic boundaries.

*Q: When can students enter the program?*

A: Students begin in Kindergarten or first grade and commit to staying in the program through the duration of