

### **Chat Box Questions from the Feb. 1st DLI Information Meeting**

1. Is the DLI program only going to be offered at the Fairsite and Valley Oaks Campuses? *Yes, the program will initially begin at the preschool and TK grades at Fairsite and then expand to Valley Oaks for Kinder in 2023-24*
2. If my student attends Lake Canyon would I be able to transfer them to Valley Oaks for this program specifically? *Yes. The program is open to all families who reside in Galt.*
3. Is there a target academic year that the program will begin? *It will begin in preschool and TK in 2022.* Will it continue at middle school? *Yes...it will grow by one grade level each year and reach middle school by 2030*
4. So far, advantages of DLI have been provided. What are the possible disadvantages? *One disadvantage for families is that it will be offered only at one school and students may need to move schools to participate.*
5. How easy is it to transfer schools in order to participate in this program? *Very easy...DLI registration will be on a first come first serve basis.*
6. How many students will you be starting the program with? *We will begin with two classrooms with a maximum of 22 students in each classroom (50% native Spanish & 50% native English)*
7. What are the hours of the Preschool and TK classes? *They will be ½ day with A.M. and P.M. classes*
8. Would older siblings be able to transfer schools if the younger sibling is accepted into the program? *Parents would need to complete a School of Choice for older students. Priority is given to students who already have siblings at the school.*
9. Will there be transportation? *We are planning for transportation services at the TK level at Fairsite...but parents will need to transport their students to Valley Oaks*
10. Will the registration happen online or in person? *Students must first enroll in the School District (TK registration is online, downloadable or a paper version is available at all schools) The DLI Application will be available to download from our website or a paper version will be available at Fairsite or Valley Okkas.*
11. When will enrollment open? *DLI Applications will be available March 1st.*
12. Will there be an enrollment lottery or how will students be chosen in order to attend if space is limited? *We will date stamp each registration and also select by lottery if needed.*

13. After tonight, if we were in this meeting we will be receiving a packet of info and then notification about open Registration/enrollment starting March 1? *We will be contacting all families who complete the DLI interest form. We also will send out a district-wide email notifying families.*
14. If we don't intend to continue the program long term, are there still benefits to having them in for just a year or two? *Parents are encouraged to commit to enrollment in the DLI program from TK-6 grade. A student will not reach fluency in Spanish if only in DLI for only 1-2 years.*
15. Will the bilingual teachers be moving with the student as they move grades, similar to a cohort model? *There will be 2 credentialed bilingual teachers for each grade level.* Does this implicate more hires or more professional development for current teachers? *We currently have enough bilingual credentialed teachers...but in the next 4 years we do anticipate new hires will be needed. Professional Development and training will be ongoing.*
16. What happens if students in the program leave over the years, how will those student positions in the program be filled? *We do expect there to be some attrition...we will continue to fill the English openings at Kinder and possibly first grade. Fluent Spanish speakers may join at any grade level.*
17. Can inter-district students participate? *Yes, but only if there are additional openings*
18. Will the children get one teacher for the Spanish part of the day and another teacher for the English part? *Students will remain with their bilingual teacher for most of the day.*
19. You mentioned offering a beginning Spanish class? Yes, *Fairsite will offer a beginning Spanish class for parents.*
20. Will there be a principal and VP assigned specifically to this program? *No, the site administrators at both schools will be directing the program. Support will also be provided from the district level.*
21. As the program grows, will it catch up to upper grade levels. For example I have kinder and second graders.... will they be able to participate at some point? *Unfortunately, no. It will be starting at the TK level and growing one grade level per year*
22. Since the Dual Language Immersion Program will not be available in all schools and grades, is there a plan to at least start offering Spanish as an additional subject? *This would be an exciting new opportunity for students at our other schools...perhaps as an enrichment class or afterschool. We plan to offer Spanish as a foreign language at McCaffrey Middle School beginning next year.*

23. You mentioned a Spanish teacher that may offer to teach Spanish as a second language, how soon could this happen? Or is there a program in the area that can help teach after school? *It will depend on bilingual teachers at the other schools and with sufficient interest, it could be offered after school.*
24. I'm not able to enroll my current kindergartener and first grader? *Unfortunately, no. We are beginning the program at the preschool and TK level.*
25. If I have a daughter at Greer..... can I enroll my son at Valley Oaks? Or would I have to put both students at Valley oaks? *No, you have the option of having your students at both schools*
26. Will Valley Oak campus be modified to accommodate the program, the school seems small? *Valley Oaks has ample classroom space to accommodate the DLI program.*
27. Is there a program lead teacher or have there been talks to find a program lead? *The bilingual teachers will form a team to work together under site leadership.*
28. How long do you anticipate expanding this program to other elementary schools in Galt? *After our first school is launched successfully, it would depend on community interest, waiting lists and bilingual teachers.*
29. Can my son go to preschool if he turns 3 March 28th? *Yes, Fairsite preschool accepts 3 and 4 year olds.*
- a. *Priority enrollment goes to children who turn 4 between February 2-September 1 (Children who turn 4 years old before Feb 2 are eligible for TK)*
  - b. *Children must turn 3 by Sept. 1st to be eligible for preschool.*
  - c. *Enrollment in the State Preschool is based on family income. However, there will not be an income requirement for children enrolled in the DLI classes.*
30. How do I find information on the income level for the State Preschool program? *Call the preschool office at 745-2506*
31. Where do I register my 3 or 4 year old for preschool? *At the Fairsite Campus*