

LANGUAGE IMMERSION AND INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE ADMISSIONS**Purpose and Intent**

The Board of Trustees encourages District students to challenge themselves academically, cultivate intercultural understanding and respect, and develop biliteracy, bilingualism, and biculturalism. The District shall offer opportunities for students to participate in both International Baccalaureate and Language Immersion programs. The Kindergarten through grade 12 Language Immersion and International Baccalaureate programs are integral features of the District's instructional offerings. The District's International Baccalaureate programs shall provide structured, purposeful inquiry that engages students in their own learning. The District's Language Immersion program shall provide academic content and literacy in English and a partner language. The goals of Language Immersion are for students to develop high levels of language proficiency and literacy in both program languages, to demonstrate high levels of academic achievement, and to develop an appreciation for and an understanding of diverse cultures.

Once admitted to a Language Immersion or International Baccalaureate program, the program becomes the student's School of Residence and matriculation path through high school.

School capacities and class size mandates/guidelines are established to optimize the use of existing facilities and to maintain relatively balanced enrollments. All Language Immersion and International Baccalaureate schools offer high-quality instructional programs addressing the District's mission, goals, and adopted curricula. Parents/guardians of any student who resides within District boundaries may apply to a Language Immersion program or an International Baccalaureate program, regardless of the location of their residence within the District. This policy includes a *Grandfather Clause* for currently enrolled Language Immersion students which will be implemented 2016-2024 to provide adequate time for parents and student to select their Language Immersion middle and high schools. Matriculation pathways will begin with the newly enrolled Kindergarten students in the 2016-2017 school year and will be in full effect the 2024-2025 school year. The 2015-2016 Kindergarten class will be in grade 8 in 2023-2024; the transition plan will conclude with these students. As part of the transition plan, staff will survey the parents and students for their preferred matriculation school, and will enroll students in their selected school without a School of Choice application or additional paperwork.

Priority Criteria for School Placement

The criteria below will be used to fill the openings at each Language Immersion and International Baccalaureate site. After all School of Residence students have been placed, any child of an employee will be given priority placement at the employee's work site. At each step, a random unbiased lottery will be used to fill openings. Remaining openings will be determined before moving to the next criteria, as outlined in the following section, until all open positions are filled.

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District students residing in any Board-approved school attendance area shall first be provided the option of attending the Language Immersion/International Baccalaureate program at their School of Residence.

1. Any sibling(s) of a currently enrolled Language Immersion/International Baccalaureate student. Sibling means brother/sister, step-brother/step-sister, or foster brother/sister residing in the same household.
2. Students residing within the District attendance boundaries, but not within the Language Immersion/International Baccalaureate school attendance boundaries.
3. Students of an employee who is not assigned to the Language Immersion or International Baccalaureate work campus, and who resides outside the District attendance boundaries.
4. Interdistrict transfers (students who reside outside the District attendance boundaries).

Matriculation Pathways

The International Baccalaureate program and the Mandarin Language Immersion Program are open to applicants Districtwide. After initial Spanish Language Immersion Kindergarten enrollment, if a family wishes to change schools, or change to a new pathway, for any reason, this request must be done through the School of Choice (SOC) process. Language Immersion/International Baccalaureate families will be afforded priority in the SOC process. Priority will be based upon the criteria as outlined in the SOC policy, with priority given to support a student's continued participation in a K-12 program. The guaranteed matriculation pathways, as outlined within the matriculation pathway table, and will be in full effect the 2024-2025 school year.

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Matriculation Pathways

Language Program	Spanish Immersion	Spanish Immersion	Spanish Immersion	Spanish Immersion	Mandarin Immersion	International Baccalaureate
Elementary Schools	Viejo	San Juan	RH Dana	Las Palmas	Bergeson	Hankey
Middle Schools	Newhart	Marco Forster	Marco Forster	Bernice Ayers	Newhart	Hankey
High Schools	CVHS	SJHHS	DHHS	SCHS	CVHS	CVHS

*Two District high schools offer International Baccalaureate programs: Capistrano Valley High School and San Clemente High School.

Home-to-School Bus Transportation

If the Language Immersion or International Baccalaureate School is a student’s School of Residence and the school provides transportation, the student may qualify to receive District-provided transportation. Transportation of students who do not reside within the attendance area of the Language Immersion or International Baccalaureate school, is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

School-to-School Bus Transportation

If parents living within a Spanish Language Immersion attendance area do not wish to have their child participate in a language immersion program or if students are ineligible due to starting in the school in a higher grade level without Spanish proficiency, District transportation will be provided from the school of residence to another school within the District through a double boundary or Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Receiving School:

Spanish Language Immersion School	Double Boundary	ESSA Receiving School
Las Palmas Elementary	N/A	Marblehead Elementary Palisades Elementary Truman Benedict Elementary
R.H. Dana Elementary	Del Obispo Elementary	N/A
San Juan Elementary	N/A	Ambuehl Elementary Del Obispo Elementary
Viejo Elementary	Bathgate Elementary	N/A

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(continued)**K -12 Program Assurances**

Language Immersion and International Baccalaureate are a K -12 commitment both for families and the District. Students and families are asked to commit to the program through all three school levels. The District's commitment to the families in these programs lies in providing quality standards-driven instruction, that will allow students to demonstrate high levels of academic achievement, develop an appreciation for and an understanding of diverse cultures, and develop proficiency and literacy in both program languages in Language Immersion programs. Students who struggle academically or who experience difficulty in acquiring the program language and content will be supported with quality instruction and intervention strategies rather than being exited from the program.

Language Immersion and International Baccalaureate Students who are involuntarily transferred back to their original School of Residence, or another school deemed appropriate, have the right to an Admission and Discharge hearing relative to the infraction which caused the involuntary transfer. Students requesting a transfer to their School of Residence after having been accepted into another school through the School of Choice (SOC) process, will not be guaranteed a place in their School of Residence until after the next SOC cycle, or unless space is available.

Students

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations

35291 Rules

35350 Transportation of students

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