

# Dual Language Immersion at Baldwin Elementary

## The benefits of participating in the program are:

- Students achieve high proficiency in the immersion language.
- Immersion students perform as well as or better than non-immersion students on standardized tests of English and mathematics administered in English.
- Immersion students typically develop more efficient and nimble reasoning skills. They demonstrate increased motor control and longer attention spans, and tend to have better memories and superior problem-solving skills.
- Immersion students are more aware of and show more positive attitudes toward other cultures and an appreciation of a diverse community.
- Immersion students are better prepared for the global community and job markets in which a second language is an asset.



*Dual Language Immersion can provide a competitive advantage for our students, our schools, and the communities they serve.*



## Why Dual Language Immersion?

Communication and collaboration in the global marketplace will become increasingly valuable skills for our students as they prepare for college, careers, and citizenship after graduation. In Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS), the Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program promises to prepare students for this 21st century reality. Six Gwinnett elementary schools, including Baldwin Elementary, offer the program. **Enrollment is voluntary, starting with incoming kindergartners and building by one grade level every year.**

## How Does the Program Work?

With GCPS' 50/50 Model, at least 50% of the school day is spent learning GCPS' Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS) curriculum in the new language. A team of two teachers— one fluent in the target language— work together. Students have mathematics, science, and language literacy with one teacher, using the new language. They have language arts and social studies with the other teacher, using English. Through this collaboration, students develop proficiency in both English and the new language. **By high school graduation, participating students will have acquired solid bilingual skills.**

## Spanish-English Instruction at Baldwin

Baldwin Elementary is excited to offer Dual Language Immersion instruction in Spanish! DLI is an innovative way to deliver a quality and effective education for our students. Students in the language immersion program at Baldwin will continue in the program throughout their school careers. Families of incoming kindergartners can learn more about our program and the registration process on the school website— [tinyurl.com/Baldwin](http://tinyurl.com/Baldwin)— or call 678-225-5500.

## About Our School

Baldwin Elementary School is eager to start our English-Spanish Dual Language Immersion program as we open our doors in 2016, and we are excited about the role our program will play in preparing our students for their future. **We look forward to welcoming your child to Baldwin Elementary!**