

Dual Language Immersion at Hopkins Elementary

The benefits of participating in the program are:

- Students can embrace their linguistic and cultural assets and have a sense of cultural belonging in school.
- Students achieve high proficiency in the immersion language and perform as well as 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. Several Gwinnett elementary schools, including Hopkins Elementary, offer the program. **Enrollment is voluntary, starting with incoming kindergartners and building by one grade level every year.**

How Does the Program Work?

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

Spanish-English Instruction at Hopkins

Hopkins 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 Hopkins 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, or call 770-564-2661.

About Our School

At Hopkins Elementary, we work collaboratively to help each child achieve their Personal BEST! Together, we cultivate learners, empower families, and strengthen communities! You can expect your child to receive a world-class educational experience at the HOP! Our school supports the whole child as we *embrace* and *celebrate* diversity in the school community! The DLI program provides our students with an opportunity to celebrate and promote their bilingualism, biliteracy, and multiculturalism! We celebrate each child and DLI helps each student feel that they *belong* at the HOP!