



2018 - 2019 Pre-K/Kindergarten Dual Language Immersion Program Application

Please complete all sections of the application and return it to the school, by mail or in person,
no later than May 1, 2018. Applications must be received (not postmarked) by this date. Please print clearly.

Student Information

Last Name		First Name	Middle Name
Street Address		Apt. #	
City		State	Zip Code
Birth date (month/day/year)		Ethnic Identities <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino Racial Identities You are not required to answer this question. <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> White	
Student ID#			
Next Grade (for the 2018-19 school year) Choose One: <input type="checkbox"/> PK <input type="checkbox"/> K <input type="checkbox"/> 1			
Language(s) the child communicates in most frequently		Please select your child's zoned school <input type="checkbox"/> Palmer Elementary <input type="checkbox"/> Saunders Elementary	
Parent/Guardian Printed Name			
Phone Number		Daytime Phone Number	
Email Address			

Important Note:

Families and students must have a long-term commitment to this program for a child to get the most from this learning experience. It would be detrimental to all parties involved in the program for families not to fulfill this commitment. If you are strongly considering a move over the next few years, please consider whether this program is appropriate for your student.

Non-resident NNPS employee with a child(ren) applying for tuition waiver

Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Sibling Priority

Siblings are children who have at least one parent in common and live in the same household. PRIORITY for admission to the DLI program will be given to brothers and sisters of students currently attending the DLI program.

Current DLI Student Information

Student Name: _____

Student ID#: _____

Current School: _____

Current Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date (month/day/year)

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FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY	School Name	Initials
Date Received	Time Received	



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How do I apply?

- Request an application from Watkins ECC, Palmer Elementary, or Saunders Elementary; from the NNPS Administration Building located at 12465 Warwick Boulevard; or logon to www.nnschools.org/worldlanguage
- Submit one application per child. (See note below for more information.)
- You may scan and email the completed application to helen.small@nn.k12.va.us, or submit a paper copy at a Dual Language school or the NNPS Administration Building **on or before closing May 1, 2018**. All applications received by this date will be considered "on time." (Applications will continue to be accepted after this date until slots have been filled.)

Note: Parents who want to apply to the Dual Language program for more than one child should complete separate applications for each child.

How do I decide whether to apply?

- First look at your child's interests and needs, and talk to the child's teachers, if applicable. Then, visit all schools you are considering, including your zoned comprehensive school. All schools—comprehensive, magnet programs and specialty academies—are built around the same core curriculum in all disciplines and meet all state Standards of Learning.
- Transportation for the Dual Language Immersion Program is provided only for students zoned for Palmer Elementary or Saunders Elementary.**
- To find out the comprehensive school to which your child is assigned, call 591-4500 or visit the Newport News Public Schools web site at www.nnschools.org and click Zone Finder.

How are students accepted?

- Applicants are assigned a random lottery number by the computer, and students will be selected based on these numbers.
- Acceptance is based on numerical order and outlined priorities with attention to racial and linguistic balance. Approximately 50% of the accepted students must speak Spanish as their home language.
- English speakers with no prior Spanish immersion experience must begin the program in pre-K or kindergarten. First graders may be accepted if space is available. Fluent Spanish-speakers may apply in any grade.
- All applicants will be notified by mail after **May 7, 2018**.
- Deadline to decline placement is **May 14, 2018**.

For the Dual Language program, application priority is given in this order to:

1. Students currently enrolled in the DLI program. For example, if you have a third grader in DLI, your rising kindergarten student will be given priority.
2. Students whose home language is Spanish, to maintain a 50-50 balance of English- and Spanish-dominant students.
3. Other applicants based on their lottery numbers.

Note: Students currently enrolled in the DLI program who wish to continue in that program, including students who are moving from pre-K to elementary or from elementary to middle school, do not need to reapply. Students are automatically transitioned to the next grade level Dual Language Immersion class.

Dual Language Immersion

- offers a specialized focus in the curriculum
- serves children from Palmer and Saunders zones and every Pre-K or kindergarten child is eligible to apply

Who is eligible?

- Students zoned to attend Palmer or Saunders Elementary Schools are eligible to apply and receive transportation from NNPS.
- Watkins ECC dual language students that are zoned for Palmer or Saunders may continue in the program at Saunders and receive transportation.
- English-only speaking students must enter the program in pre-K or kindergarten. Exceptions for entry during 1st grade will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Spanish-speaking students may enter the program at any grade level with available space.

Note concerning admission of non-Newport News students:

The Dual Language Immersion Program follows the same guidelines for admission of non-Newport News residents as magnet programs.

(as outlined in School Board Procedure JFAB-P) Newport News Public Schools students are given first priority for inclusion in magnet programs. Non-resident students cannot enter the lottery for magnet program admission. Non-resident students interested in attending magnet programs will be considered only after the lottery and selection process for resident students has been completed and the steps outlined in School Board Procedure JFAB-P have been completed. Applications for non-resident students may be submitted by August 1.

Long-term program commitment:

- To receive the benefits of the DLI program, students must remain in the program through at least the end of elementary school.
- Students remaining in the program through high school can expect to reach high levels of language proficiency and literacy in both languages.
- All children who have learned one language are capable of learning additional languages.
- Prior to removing a child from the DLI program, parents should meet with teachers and the building principal or program administrator. Once a child has withdrawn from the program, he or she may not re-enter at a later date.

For more information, see the Dual Language Immersion Handbook for Families, online at <http://www.nnschools.org/worldlanguage> under the Immersion tab, or contact Helen Small at 757-283-7850 ext. 10253 or helen.small@nn.k12.va.us.



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Application Deadline: May 1, 2018