



Application, Lottery & Waitlist Process

APPLICATION

Families interested in making a commitment to the RSD Dual Language Program must fill out a Dual Language Program Application by the stated deadline for their incoming kindergarten student in the spring. Student placement in the DL program is determined based on a lottery system, not on a first come first serve basis.

Sibling Preference: The district prioritizes the placement of siblings of current DL students who wish to participate in the program, as long as space allows. For incoming kindergarten siblings to be given priority placement in the DL program, families **MUST** complete the Dual Language Program Application by the application deadline for their kindergarten class. The district is unable to ensure priority placement for any incoming siblings who do not submit a completed application by the deadline.

LOTTERY

Due to limited space in the DL program, a lottery will be held to determine which kindergarten students will receive a space in the program. After the lottery, the RSD will notify families whether their student received a space in the program or on the waitlist. RSD also sends a Dual Language Confirmation Form, which families must submit by the stated deadline, or forfeit their student's placement.

Student Language Balance: The district works to maintain a balance between the number of Spanish speakers and English speakers to preserve the integrity of the two-way dual language instructional model.

WAITLIST

The district places kindergarten students who do not get a space in the DL program on a waitlist. The waitlist will remain in effect for the duration of kindergarten and the beginning of first grade. Should an opening occur during that time, the district will contact the family of the

next student on the waitlist. If the family passes on the opportunity, they lose their spot on the waitlist.

Late Additions: After first grade students that have not had exposure to academic-level Spanish are not eligible to enter the DL program as the language demands in Spanish become too difficult.

Late Transfers: The district gives consideration to students transferring from a DL program in another district on a case by case basis. Students on the waitlist will have priority over transfer entries through the beginning of first grade. Transfer placements will be based on available space and the balance of English & Spanish learners.