



## *All About Dual Immersion*

### **What is Dual Immersion?**

Dual immersion is a program in which students learn regular classroom curriculum in both English and Spanish. Students learn half of their days in English and half in Spanish. This format of instruction has been shown to enhance learning in both languages and does not hinder development of English.

### **How does Dual Immersion look at Hodge Road?**

Students learn 90 days in English and 90 days in Spanish on an alternating schedule beginning in kindergarten. They go to English class one day and Spanish class the next allowing for continuous, rigorous learning.

### **Who will be teaching my child?**

On English days they will be taught by a highly qualified native English teacher. On their Spanish days, students will be taught by an international native Spanish speaker certified and vetted by VIF International. This will allow students to expand their cultural experiences as well.

### **My child does not know Spanish! Will they be successful in this program?**

Teachers understand that students who do not know Spanish will not understand everything they are saying. They use a variety of resources and techniques to convey their meaning while teaching, such as gestures, pictures, exaggerated expressions, manipulatives, etc.

### **I do not know Spanish! How can I help with their homework?**

All homework will be explained in school and students should be able to complete their work at home by explaining what they need to do. Teachers are closely collaborating so homework will also be similar across classrooms and languages so it will not look foreign to you. The teachers will provide any resources necessary so you can comfortably help your child.

### **Is my child being exposed to the same content as other students across Wake County?**

Yes, your child will be held to the same high standards and expectations as any other student. They will be learning the same standards and skills as any other elementary student in Wake County.

### **Why should I consider enrolling my child in Hodge Road's dual immersion program?**

By the end of your child's elementary career, they will be a bilingual, bicultural, and biliterate student! They will have a greater appreciation for other cultures than the average student. Their bilingualism will give them a competitive edge in their school and career future.

### **Will my child miss any instruction because of the dual immersion program?**

No, your child is taught in a continuous format from the Spanish to the English classrooms and is learning the same standards as all other students in Wake County.

### **When will my child be able to speak Spanish?**

Usually receptive language is developed first, so students are able to follow directions and understand what is heard starting in Kindergarten. Oral language develops next and students will be able to fluently speak Spanish after several years.

### **How do I communicate with two teachers?**

You will have a schedule of what language your child has on which day. You are able to email either or both teachers about your child and all conferences are with both teachers.

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### **What are the hours of operation?**

School Hours: 7:55 am – 3:00 pm

Office Hours: 7:30 am – 4:00 pm

### **Hodge is a year round school. What does that mean?**

We are the only track 4 magnet elementary school in Wake County Public School System. Being on track 4 means we generally go for nine weeks of school and then have a three week break. Our “track outs” fall during July, October, December/January, and April of each year. Please see our calendar for more information.

### **I don't have childcare during track out! What will I do?**

Many childcare facilities all over Wake County have catered their services to year round schools.

### **What electives are available for students at Hodge Road?**

Hodge Road has Art, Media, Music, Musical Theater, PE, STEM, and Technology as electives. These are taught in the English language.

### **What are clubs and activities available for students?**

Computer Science Club, STEM Club, and Science Olympiad Clubs are available for students in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades.

### **Is transportation available?**

At this time transportation is only available for base students and magnet students in certain areas. Check your address to see if busing is provided.

### **How can I schedule a tour to see how it all works?**

Please visit, [www.tinyurl.com/HRDualTour](http://www.tinyurl.com/HRDualTour) or see [www.wcpss.net/hodgeroades](http://www.wcpss.net/hodgeroades) for more information.

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