



# Dual Language Immersion Program





Dual Language Immersion Schools  
*Escuelas que ofrecen el programa de  
inmersión en dos idiomas*



# Claremont – 4700 S. Chesterfield Rd, 22206



**Principal – Dr. Liza  
Burrell-Aldana**



**Assistant Principal – Erin  
Wales-Smith**





# Escuela Key – 855 N. Edison St, 22205



**Principal – Marleny Perdomo**



**Assistant Principal – Wilson Ramirez**





# Gunston Middle School — 2700 S Lang St, 22206



**Principal** – Carolyn Ruth Jackson



**Assistant Principal** in charge of Immersion:  
Erika Sanchez





# Wakefield High School – 1325 Dinwiddie St, 22204



**Principal – Peter Balas**



**Assistant Principal in charge of Immersion:  
Jessica Salvador**



Cultivating a Lifelong Love  
of Language Learning



# About Dual Language Immersion in APS

- Dual Language Immersion is an educational model in which students develop high levels of speaking, reading, writing, and listening in English and Spanish.
- Teachers deliver the same core APS curriculum content and standards as traditional classroom teachers by providing instruction in two languages.







# Goals for Dual Language Immersion

- **Develop bilingualism and biliteracy** in English and Spanish
- **Promote high academic achievement**
  - Close the opportunity gap
- **Foster cultural competency and caring**, supportive cross-cultural relationships





# Dual Language Immersion Program Components

## Students

The goal is to have 50% heritage Spanish speakers and 50% non-Spanish-speaking students. Ideally, there is an even balance, so that students are language models and learn from one another.

## Content Delivery

Two teachers (one providing academic instruction in English, and the other providing academic instruction in Spanish) or one teacher for both languages.

## Language Ratio

- 80/20 dual language immersion program model in kinder and first grade in school year 2023-2024.
- 50/50 dual language immersion program model in grades 2-5 in school year 2023-2024.

## Program Length

K-5 with program continuation in middle and high school.







# Elementary Immersion Program SY24-25

## Kinder & First Grade

**Spanish**  
80% of the day

Spanish Language Arts (Reading/Writing/Speaking/Listening), Social Studies, Math, Science, Specials

**English**  
20% of the day

English Language Development

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## Second - Fifth Grade

**Spanish**  
50% of the day

Spanish Language Arts (Reading/Writing/Speaking/Listening), Math, Science\*, Specials

**English**  
50% of the day

English Language Arts (Reading/Writing/Speaking/Listening), Social Studies\*, Specials

\*Science and Social Studies switch language of instruction in 5th grade



# Benefits for English Learners

- Oral proficiency and literacy in an English Learner's first language **facilitates English literacy development** (August & Shanahan, 2006).
- ELs are less likely to fall behind in core subject areas if they are able to **continue learning grade-level content in their home language** while acquiring proficiency in English (Lindholm-Leary & Genesee, 2014).
- English Learners who receive considerable native language literacy instruction eventually **score much higher on literacy tests in English and in their native language** than students who have been provided literacy instruction largely or entirely in English. (e.g., August, McCardle, & Shanahan, 2014; August & Shanahan, 2006; Genesee et al., 2006; Lindholm-Leary & Genesee, 2010).





# Equity: The Heart of DLI Programs

## **Teachers and staff are committed to equity, so they understand:**

- The diverse needs of students and believe that all children can learn
- The importance of using multiethnic curricular materials
- How to integrate students' cultural values into the classroom
- Ways to celebrate and encourage the use of all home language varieties
- How to engage students in learning activities that promote social justice and critical thinking

(Alanís & Rodríguez, 2008; Banks & Banks, 2010; de Jong, 2011; García, Johnson, & Seltzer, 2016; Gay, 2010; Ladson-Billings, 2004; Lindholm-Leary & Borsato, 2006)

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# Continuing Dual Language at the Secondary Level

## **APS offers Dual Language Immersion at:**


- Gunston Middle School
- Wakefield High School







# Gunston Middle School DLI Program

 <b>Gunston</b> MIDDLE SCHOOL	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
<b>Student Profile:</b> <b>Spanish and English speakers in the DLI program for 5 years+ or placed via assessment</b>	Spanish Language Arts 6	Spanish Language Arts 7	Spanish Language Arts 8
	<i>Content Courses taught in Spanish:</i>  Social Studies - U.S. History to Present Grade 6 Science	<i>Content Courses taught in Spanish:</i>  Social Studies - Civics, and Economics Grade 7 Life Science	<i>Content Courses taught in Spanish:</i>  Social Studies - World Geography Grade 8 Physical Science




# Certificate of Excellence from Spanish Embassy

- Certificate of Excellence from the Spanish Embassy awarded to students who have a “C” average or better in their DLI classes 6-8 grade





# Wakefield High School DLI Program

	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<p><b>Student Profile:</b> Ongoing dual language immersion students and native Spanish-speakers who pass placement test (Advanced)</p> <p><i>Additional courses in Spanish may be added</i></p>	Spanish Immersion 9	Spanish for Fluent Speakers III or Spanish Level V  AP Spanish Language and Culture	AP Spanish Language and Culture  AP Spanish Literature  Advanced Studies in Spanish	AP Spanish Literature  Advanced Studies in Spanish
	<p><i>Content Courses taught in Spanish:</i></p> <p>Intensified Immersion Biology</p> <p>Immersion Algebra 1</p> <p>Immersion Geometry</p>	<p><i>Content Courses taught in Spanish:</i></p> <p>Intensified Immersion Chemistry</p> <p>Immersion Geometry</p>	<p><i>Content Courses taught in Spanish:</i></p> <p>Intensified Immersion Chemistry</p>	<p><i>Content Courses taught in Spanish:</i></p> <p>Spanish Focused Senior Project</p>





# Wakefield High School

- **DELE exam**, the official accreditation of fluency in Spanish, is offered Junior year
- High School Diploma with **Virginia Seal of Biliteracy**
- **Certificate of Excellence** from the Spanish Embassy





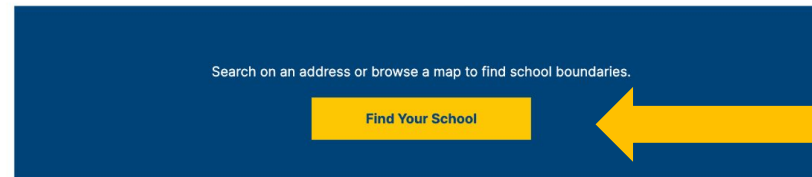
# Boundary (Attendance Area) Locator



All addresses in Arlington County are assigned to an APS neighborhood elementary, middle and high school.

The [searchable boundary locator](#) is used to determine your child's neighborhood school for this school year and also identifies your planning unit number.

## Searchable Boundary Locator



For questions or help with this service, please contact School and Community Relations at 703-228-6005.

### Resources

- [Searchable Boundary Locator \(Step-by-Step Boundary Locator Instructions\)](#)
- [Elementary School Boundary Map 2022-23](#)
  - [Elementary Immersion Schools Boundary Map 2022-23](#)
- [Middle School Boundary Map 2022-23](#)
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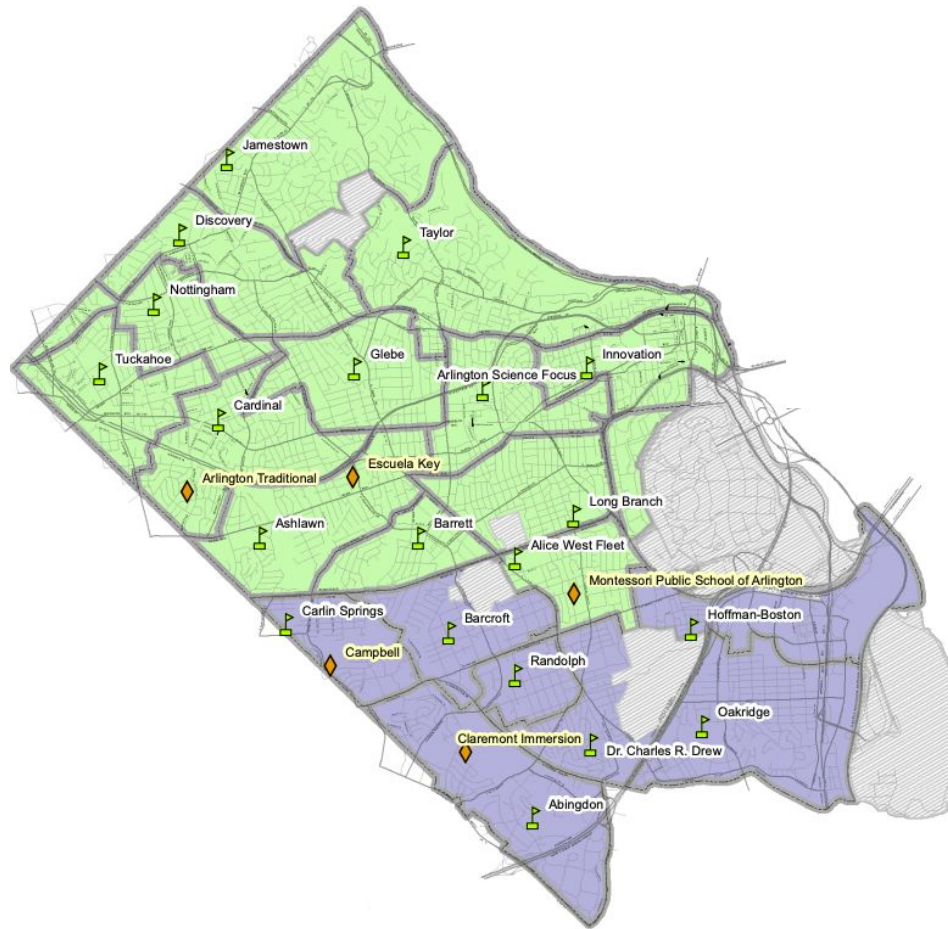
## [Boundary Locator](#)



# Elementary Feeder Schools

## Escuela Key

- Arlington Science Focus
- Ashlawn
- Barrett
- Cardinal
- Fleet
- Glebe
- Jamestown
- Long Branch
- Nottingham
- Taylor
- Tuckahoe



## Claremont

- Abingdon
- Barcroft
- Carlin Springs
- Dr. Charles R. Drew
- Hoffman-Boston
- Oakridge
- Randolph





# Elementary Option Schools - Application Timeline

- **Online Application Window**
  - ❖ Opens: Feb. 1, 2024, at 4 p.m.
  - ❖ Closes: March 8, 2024, at 4 p.m.
- **Online Lottery**
  - ❖ Thurs, April 11 from 1- 3 p.m
- **Families are Notified**
  - ❖ Thurs, April 18 by the end of the day
- **Families must Confirm/Decline by**
  - ❖ Thurs, April 25 by 8 p.m.



For assistance, contact the APS Welcome Center  
703-228-8000 (option 3) | [schooloptions@apsva.us](mailto:schooloptions@apsva.us)



# How to Apply for Option Schools

- Families must apply online at [www.apsva.schoolmint.net](http://www.apsva.schoolmint.net)
- Families with an existing SchoolMint account from a previous school year **do not** need to create a new account.
- Only **NEW** applicants must create an account in SchoolMint to complete an option school application.

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- Receive lottery notification via text, email or both.
  - Check waitlist status by logging into your account

**Important!** If you forget your login name or password, click on the appropriate links instead of creating a new account.

**Log In**

Username  
Email Address or Mobile Number

Forgot Username?

Password  
Password

Forgot Password?

Ready, Set, Go!

If you don't have an account  
Please **Sign Up** first.



# Option School Waitlists



- Students who applied, but were not accepted, will be placed in numerical order on a waitlist for the upcoming school year.
- Applications received after the deadline are placed at the bottom of the existing waitlist for the upcoming school year.





# Transportation for Option Schools

- Students will be assigned to the closest bus stop. Some stops may be hub stops that are longer distance from the student's residence.
- Hub stops are centralized locations—such as a school, library or community center—where students from several neighborhoods meet to catch the bus to their school. Not all neighborhoods will have a hub stop; rather stops are placed to be accessed from multiple neighborhoods and directions.
- Families may request a different hub stop if it is more convenient and should contact the Transportation Services office at 703-228-8000 (option 1) or [transportation@apsva.us](mailto:transportation@apsva.us) to request the change.
- Learn more at [apsva.us/school-options](https://apsva.us/school-options)





# First Day of School

Mark your calendars! The 1<sup>st</sup> day of school is **Monday, August 26, 2024**

Visit the website to view the full calendar: [apsva.us/engage/sy-calendar-development/](https://apsva.us/engage/sy-calendar-development/)

July-2024						
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Jul. 4 - Independence Day

August-2024						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Staff Report		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Aug. 14-16 - New Teacher Orientation  
 Aug. 19-23 - All staff return  
 Aug. 26 - First Day of School  
 Aug. 30 - Holiday

September-2024						
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Sep. 2 - Labor Day

October-2024						
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Oct. 3 - Rosh Hashana  
 Oct. 9 - PSAT Day  
 Oct. 10 - ES Early Release  
 Oct. 11 - ES/MS Conf - No School - HS PL Day  
 Oct. 14 - Indigenous Peoples Day - Professional Learning Day  
 Oct. 30 - ER - Professional Learning Day

November-2024						
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Nov. 1 - Diwali  
 Nov. 5 - Election Day/ GP No School  
 Nov. 11 - Veterans Day  
 Nov. 27-29 - Thanksgiving Break

December-2024						
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Dec. 11 - ER - Professional Learning Day  
 Dec. 23 - 31 - Winter Break

January-2025						
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Jan. 1-3 - Winter Break  
 Jan. 15 - ER - Professional Learning Day  
 Jan. 20 - MLK Holiday  
 Jan. 31 - GP - No School

February-2025						
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Feb. 5 - ER - Professional Learning Day  
 Feb. 17 - President's Day No School

March-2025						
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Mar. 5 - ER - Professional Learning Day  
 Mar. 13 - ES Early Release  
 Mar. 14 - ES/MS Conf - No School - HS PL Day  
 Mar. 31 - Eid Al-Fitr

April-2025						
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Apr. 14-18 - Spring Break  
 Apr. 21 - GP - No School

May-2025						
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May 26 - Memorial Day

June-2025						
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Jun. 13 - HS ER - High School Early Release  
 Jun. 16-18 - HS ER - High School Early Release  
 Jun. 18 - ER - ES/MS/HS Last Day of School  
 Jun. 18 - Last Day for Teachers (TL)  
 Jun. 19 - Juneteenth

**PARENTS AND STAFF**

- First Day of School for K-12 Programs: August 26, 2024
- First Day of School for Pre-K Programs (VPI and Special Education PK Classes): August 27, 2024
- Back to School Night: Elementary - TBD  
 Middle - TBD  
 High - TBD  
 HB Woodlawn - TBD  
 Arlington Career Center/Tech - TBD
- Campbell Early Release for Parent Teacher Conferences: TBD
- High School Graduation: TBD
- Arlington Community High School / Langston H.S.C.P Graduation: TBD
- Middle School Promotion Ceremony: TBD
- Students do not attend school on *Grade Preparation Days (GP)*

**STAFF ONLY**

- County-wide based Professional Learning: October 14, 2024
- School-based Professional Learning Early Release Elementary, Middle and High School: October 30, December 11, January 15, February 5, March 5
- Elementary Teacher Records/Closure Day: Early Release Days on June 4 and June 11
- October 14 is a student holiday and a workday for all APS staff
- 12-month employees will have August 30 as a holiday
- 12-month employees will have Winter Break (December 23 - January 3) and Spring Break (April 14-18) as holidays

Marking Period 1 - 45 days (November 4)

Marking Period 2 - 47 days (January 30)

Marking Period 3 - 47 days (April 11)

Marking Period 4 - 41 days (June 18)

Total Teacher Days: 190  
 Total Student Days: 180



# Contact APS

For additional information or questions, contact:

## **APS Welcome Center**

2110 Washington Blvd.

Arlington, VA 22204

703-228-8000 (option 3)

[schooloptions@apsva.us](mailto:schooloptions@apsva.us)

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