

# Kindergarten

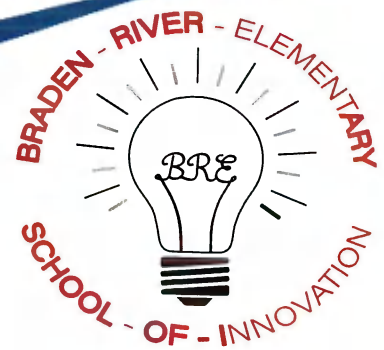
## Dual Language Program

Do you want your child to be fluent in English and Spanish?

For the second year Braden River Elementary will offer Dual Language in Kindergarten!

This exciting program offers both English and Spanish speaking students the opportunity to learn to speak, read, and write in both languages.

Space is limited to 36 students  
(18 English speakers and 18 Spanish speakers)



### *Benefits of the Dual Language Program:*

- ◆ Students become fluent in English and Spanish
- ◆ Students develop superior problem-solving skills
- ◆ Students demonstrate above average performance on state assessments
- ◆ Students develop improved motor and comprehension skills
- ◆ Students show a deeper understanding of arts and cultures



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## Dual Language in the Classroom

In the Dual Language classroom, often half of a class will consist of non-native English speakers, and the other half will consist of native English speakers. Content is taught and assessed in two languages over an extended period. Students learn from each other, appreciate different cultures, and grow as citizens of a global community. Whether the student is a native English speaker or an English Language Learner, they develop and strengthen academic and social skills in two languages.

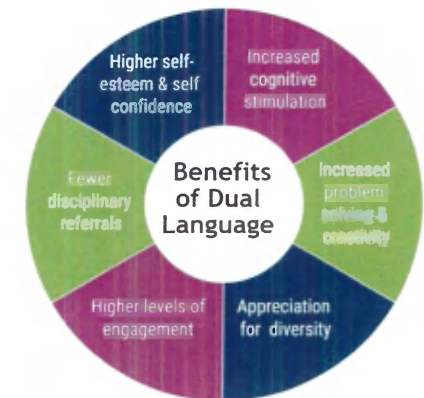
## What is Dual Language?

Dual language is a form of education in which students are taught literacy and content in two languages. They are considered “additive” bilingual programs because they “add” a second academic language for students, instead of trying to extinguish a minority language and move a student to exclusively use English. Dual language education fosters bilingualism, biliteracy, enhanced awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity, and high levels of academic achievement through instruction in two languages. Dual Language education is an effective approach to developing language proficiency and literacy in English and a partner language.



## Benefits of Dual Language

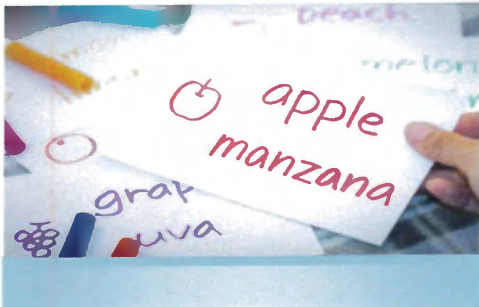
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## What to Expect

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- ◆ Your student will have two teachers (1 English speaking, 1 Spanish speaking)
- ◆ 50% of student learning will be in English and 50% of learning will be in Spanish
- ◆ Students will have homework and assessments in both languages
- ◆ Students will continue the program throughout Elementary school (K-5)
- ◆ In the Spanish classroom, the teacher will only speak Spanish, and in the English classroom, the teacher will only speak English in order to fully immerse the students in the respective languages



### **Blanche H. Daughtrey (K-4)**

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515 63rd Ave E  
Bradenton, FL 34203

### **Braden River Elementary (K-2)**

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### **G.D. Rogers Garden-Bullock Elementary (K-3)**

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515 13th Ave W  
Bradenton, FL 34205

### **Myakka Elementary (K-1)**

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37205 Manatee Ave  
Myakka City, FL 34251

### **Palmetto Elementary (K-1)**

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1540 10th Street West  
Palmetto, FL 34221

### **Robert H. Prine Elementary (K)**

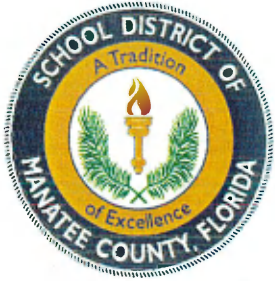
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# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY

## DUAL LANGUAGE LETTER OF COMMITMENT AND CONSENT

I give consent for placement of my child \_\_\_\_\_ in the School District of Manatee County Dual Language Program beginning with the 2023-2024 school year at Braden River Elementary School.

### SCHOOL BOARD

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### SUPERINTENDENT

Cynthia Saunders

My child will:

- Be in a classroom with 50% dominant English speakers and 50% native Spanish speakers.
- Be in a classroom that includes English instruction and Spanish instruction.
- Develop bilingual (listening and speaking) and bi-literate (reading and writing) competencies.

Instruction will:

- Be 50% in English and 50% in Spanish.

I understand that the teachers and administrators commit to:

- Setting high academic expectations, which will prepare students for college readiness and prepare students to work in a global society.
- Preparing and delivering instruction that meets the needs of all students in the class.
- Communicating with and engaging parents in the learning process to ensure success of individual students.
- Promoting an educational environment where students can thrive in the learning of two languages.

***If more families show interest than enrollment allows, then a waiting list will be established. For more information call Braden River Elementary School 941-751-7012.***

I am acknowledging that I consent and agree to the placement of my child in the Dual Language Program at Braden River Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Language Spoken at Home

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Mobile Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
DOB

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address

Please complete and return this form to:  
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**Bradenton, FL. 34202**

**Please return this  
completed form by:  
June 23, 2023**