

# Gilroy Unified School District

## **Dual Immersion (DI) Kinder Placement Process for 2019-20 – Parent Instructions**

### **GUSD Dual Immersion Programs – (see accompanying brochure) Checklist to Request Admission into Dual Immersion Kinder Program**

- ☐ Attendance at a DI Orientation at either Rod Kelley or Las Animas, verified by DI Orientations' sign-in sheets provided by schools (mandatory).
- ☐ Complete and submit current GUSD Dual Immersion Application Form indicating the school preference (mandatory). Please request a signed and dated copy of form from the office staff when submitted.
- ☐ Fill out GUSD Kinder Registration Form\* indicating interest in Dual Immersion (check the DI box) and turn in to the school of attendance for the incoming Kinder students by **Friday, March 15, 2019, 4:00 pm** (mandatory). Please request a signed/dated copy of form when submitted. (Exception: Current TK students are not required to submit another registration form).
  - *It is recommended that parents turn in BOTH documents (Kinder Registration & DI Application) TOGETHER at their attendance area school*
- ☐ Bring child to his/her language testing appointment. If child does not come or there is no response to appointment calls before the testing window closes (end of April), the child will not be considered for DI admission even if initial steps listed above have been followed (mandatory).
  - **Oral Language Assessments for Incoming DI Kinder candidates**
    - Spanish for Spanish-speaking and bilingual candidates
    - English for all candidates

### **Student Placement Process**

Spaces will be allotted to students by a system that also accounts for a balanced program of English speakers, Spanish speakers and bilingual students. A letter will go out to notify parents of placement into the Dual Immersion Program, or placement on the waiting list by the end of May. Placement priority will be given to DI site attendance area candidates, siblings of current DI students and children of school district employees, however these priorities do not guarantee placement in the DI program. Students that are not placed in the Dual Immersion program will be assigned to a waiting list, according to the guidelines of the GUSD balanced dual immersion program.

#### **\* Kinder registration packets:**

- **MUST have accurate Proof of Residency (3 items) and Birth Verification for student to be accepted into DI placement process.**
- **Immunizations – MUST be complete by May 1<sup>st</sup>, or student will be removed from the DI placement process. We strongly recommend these are complete by the initial March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.**