

Dual Language - Family Support for Spanish Develo...



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How can I support my child learning Spanish at home?

- Spanish exposure/resources

- [Imagine Español/Imagine Lectura](#) (access from portal.austinisd.org)
- [Spanish Profe](#)-Online Read Alouds in Spanish
- NewsELA - Spanish articles
- RAZ Kids - leveled library of fiction and nonfiction books in Spanish
- Brainpop/Brainpop Jr. Videos on Youtube
- Netflix, Youtube, Amazon Prime - Spanish audio and subtitles
- Spotify - Songs in Spanish
- Spanish play dates, look in your campus community for friends who speak and/or neighborhood.
- Show interest in also learning Spanish
- Check out Spanish books from the school library or public library
- Spanish time at the public library
- Audiobooks in Spanish (available at libraries)
- Change device language setting to Spanish
- News in Spanish (for kids)
- Newspapers in Spanish (online)

- Attitude towards bilingualism

- Becoming bilingual is a huge challenge for students (Otherwise everyone would be bilingual!). With challenge comes frustration, and becoming comfortable with a “productive struggle” in a bilingual class is critical to making growth towards biliteracy. Embracing this

hard truth is a process that also helps them become goal-oriented, resilient and successful human beings!

- Building your child's growth mindset by moving away from "I don't speak Spanish," towards "I'm learning so much Spanish." Acknowledging effort and hard work, rather than natural ability, reinforces beneficial habits in the long run.
- Reminding your child of the value of being bilingual and showing respect for both Spanish and English as co-equal languages.
- Consider showing interest in having your child "teach" you words or phrases they have learned in Spanish. This will excite them and motivate them to learn more to be able to "teach" you.

When should I consider my child exiting Dual Language?

- Your child's frustration about bilingualism is more than expected and is causing mental health concerns.
- Your child is not making progress in Spanish-language development.
- Your child has consistently refuses to engage in Spanish instruction.
- You feel like your child needs to focus solely on English language development.