



Southern Lehigh School District 2018 Spanish Immersion Program Commitment Agreement

In order to be eligible for sibling preference process, (see Policy 200.1) parents and/or guardians of interested children must:

- 1. meet orientation requirement (for Parents/Guardians new to the program),*
- 2. submit a signed program commitment agreement, and*
- 3. submit an online application form by the published deadline.*

*To meet orientation requirements each of the following must be completed for families new to Spanish Immersion. Parents of siblings MAY participate, but **orientation activities are not required.***

- 1. Attended live Parent Information Session on November 16, 2017, or February 6, 2018 -OR-
 Viewed recorded Parent Information Session online.*
- 2. Participated in Spanish Immersion Classroom Visits on February 21, 2018 -OR-
 Viewed at least 2 recorded Spanish Immersion lessons online.*
- 3. Viewed at least 3 recorded interviews with Spanish Immersion Teachers, Parents, and Students online.*

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After completing the prerequisite orientation activities, or as a parent of a sibling enrolled in the program, I clearly understand that:

- English instruction will not begin until third grade. Only English exposure in grades one and two will come from home environment.*
- I am responsible for continuing to work with my child's English language development. This will require varying amounts of time that I must invest in my child's education.*
- This includes:*
 - ORAL LANGUAGE and VOCABULARY*

- **READING**
- **WRITING**
- *****These three skills are crucial for making connections to a second language.**
- **Placement in Spanish Immersion is recommended for students whose English skills are progressing at or above grade level.**
- **I will NOT translate for my child because this is not the natural way to acquire a second language.**
- **I intend to keep my child in the program for the entire 5+ years and understand that any concerns regarding a student's academic progress will be addressed jointly among the teachers, principal, and parents.**
- **I understand that withdrawing my child from the program early prevents another child from experiencing the program since the slot cannot be filled beyond 2nd grade.**

I have read the 2018 1st Grade Spanish Immersion Expectations Agreement, and understand and accept the expectations as listed above and wish for my child to be enrolled for 2018 – 2019 1st Grade Spanish Immersion.

PARENT'S NAME: _____
(Please print first and last name)

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____
(Please print first and last name)

DATE: _____