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## **U-46 to Host Informational Sessions for Dual Language Program**

*Sessions Designed for Families of Incoming Kindergarten and 1st Grade Students*

**ELGIN** - School District U-46 is inviting all families of incoming kindergarten students and English-dominant 1st graders to Dual Language (DL) informational meetings hosted at local schools and libraries during March and early April.

Dual Language is a form of bilingual education in which students are taught literacy and grade-level academic content in two languages. The informational sessions will cover details of the U-46 program itself, the application process, and research showing the benefits of bilingualism.

U-46 offers "one-way instruction" for students with a home language background of Spanish who qualify for the English Language Learners services program. Students without a home background of Spanish or who are English dominant may enroll in "two-way instruction" to learn Spanish and develop bilingual skills along with English Learners.

U-46 uses an "80:20" program in which the youngest students start out with 80 percent of their instruction in Spanish and 20 percent in English, reducing the Spanish-language portion by 10 percent per year from kindergarten through third grade, until the split is 50-50, where it remains through sixth grade.

In middle school (7th and 8th grade in U-46), DL students continue to be focused on developing academic and language skills of high rigor in both languages. DL courses were expanded to the freshmen level for the 2018-19



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school year and will be available at the sophomore level for the 2019-20 year, with plans to offer the program through 12th grade for the 2021-22 school year.

The session schedule for parents of incoming kindergarten students and English-dominant 1st graders is as follows. **Parents can attend the session that works best for their schedule, it does not need to be their neighborhood school:**

Location	Date	Time
Otter Creek Elementary, 2701 Hopps Road, Elgin	Monday, March 4	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Bartlett Elementary, 111 E. North Ave., Bartlett	Tuesday, March 5	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Clinton Elementary, 770 Mill St., South Elgin	Tuesday, March 5	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Illinois Park Center for Early Learning 1350 Wing St., Elgin	Tuesday, March 5	5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Gail Borden Library 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin	Wednesday, March 6	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.



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Huff Elementary 801 Hastings St., Elgin	Thursday, March 7	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Lords Park Elementary, 323 Waverly Drive, Elgin	Monday, March 11	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Glenbrook Elementary, 315 Garden Circle, Streamwood	Tuesday, March 12	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Lincoln Elementary 1650 Maureen Drive, Hoffman Estates	Tuesday, March 12	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Highland Elementary 190 N. Melrose Ave., Elgin	Wednesday, March 13	6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Heritage Elementary, 507 Arnold Ave., Streamwood	Thursday, March 14	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Hillcrest Elementary, 80 N. Airlite St., Elgin	Thursday, March 14	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Independence Center for Early Learning, 200 Taylor Ave., Bartlett	Thursday, March 14	5 p.m. to 6 p.m.



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Channing Elementary, 63 S. Channing St., Elgin	Tuesday, March 19	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
South Elgin Branch Library, 127 McLean Blvd., South Elgin	Thursday, April 4	5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Timber Trails Elementary, 1675 McDonough Road, Hoffman Estates	Wednesday, April 10	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Gail Borden Library 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin	Wednesday, April 10	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
U-46 Educational Services Center, 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin	Wednesday, April 17	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Parents who have questions about these informational sessions can contact the English Language Learners Department at 847-888-5000 ext. 5331 or ext. 5332.

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## **El Distrito U-46 Presenta Reuniones Informativas para el Programa de Lenguaje Dual**

*Reuniones Diseñadas para las Familias de Estudiantes que entrarán al Kindergarten y a Primer Grado*

**ELGIN** - El Distrito Escolar U-46 invita a todas las familias de estudiantes de kindergarten y de primer grado que dominan el inglés, a reuniones



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informativas de Lenguaje Dual (DL por sus siglas en inglés) que se realizan en las escuelas y bibliotecas locales durante marzo y principios de abril.

El Lenguaje Dual es una forma de educación bilingüe donde se les enseña a los estudiantes alfabetización y contenido académico correspondiente al nivel de su grado en dos idiomas. Las reuniones informativas cubrirán los detalles del programa del Distrito U-46, el proceso de solicitud y los resultados de investigación que muestra los beneficios de ser bilingüe.

El Distrito U-46 ofrece el programa de "Lenguaje Dual de Un Solo Grupo Lingüístico" para estudiantes cuyo idioma primario en el hogar es el español y que califican para el programa de Estudiantes Aprendiendo el Idioma Inglés (ELL por sus siglas en inglés). Los estudiantes cuyo idioma dominante es el inglés pueden inscribirse en el Programa de "Lenguaje Dual de Dos Grupos Lingüísticos" para aprender español y desarrollar habilidades bilingües junto con los Estudiantes que Aprenden Inglés.

El Distrito U-46 utiliza el programa "80:20" en el que los estudiantes más pequeños comienzan con el 80 por ciento de su instrucción en español y el 20 por ciento en inglés, reduciendo la porción de idioma español en un 10 por ciento por año desde kindergarten a tercer grado, hasta llegar a sexto grado donde el porcentaje es 50:50.

En la escuela intermedia (7<sup>o</sup> y 8<sup>o</sup> grado en el Distrito U-46), los estudiantes de Lenguaje Dual continúan enfocados en el desarrollo de habilidades académicas y lingüísticas de alto rigor en ambos idiomas. Los cursos de Lenguaje Dual se expandieron al noveno grado durante el año escolar 2018-19 y estarán disponibles para los estudiantes de décimo grado durante el año escolar 2019-20, con el plan de implementar el programa hasta el duodécimo grado para el año escolar 2021-22.

El horario de las reuniones para los padres de estudiantes que entrarán a kindergarten y los estudiantes de primer grado que dominan el inglés es el siguiente. **Los padres pueden asistir a las reunión que mejor se adapte a sus horarios, no es necesario asistir a la escuela de su comunidad:**



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<b>Lugar</b>	<b>Fecha</b>	<b>Horario</b>
Escuela Elemental Otter Creek, 2701 Hopps Road, Elgin	Lunes, 4 de marzo	6 p.m. a 7 p.m.
Escuela Elemental Bartlett , 111 E. North Ave., Bartlett	Martes, 5 de marzo	6 p.m. a 7 p.m.
Escuela Elemental Clinton, 770 Mill St., South Elgin	Martes, 5 de marzo	6 p.m. a 7 p.m.
Centro de Aprendizaje Temprano Illinois Park 1350 Wing St., Elgin	Martes, 5 de marzo	5 p.m. a 6 p.m.
Biblioteca Gail Borden 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin	Miércoles, 6 de marzo	6 p.m. a 7 p.m.
Escuela Elemental Huff, 801 Hastings St., Elgin	Jueves, 7 de marzo	6 p.m. a 7 p.m.



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Escuela Elemental Lords Park, 323 Waverly Drive, Elgin	Lunes, 11 de marzo	6 p.m. a 7 p.m.
Escuela Elemental Glenbrook, 315 Garden Circle, Streamwood	Martes, 12 de marzo	6 p.m. a 7 p.m.
Escuela Elemental Lincoln, 1650 Maureen Drive, Hoffman Estates	Martes, 12 de marzo	6 p.m. a 7 p.m.
Escuela Elemental Highland, 190 N. Melrose Ave., Elgin	Miércoles, 13 de marzo	6:30 p.m. a 7:30 p.m.
Escuela Elemental Heritage, 507 Arnold Ave., Streamwood	Jueves, 14 de marzo	6 p.m. a 7 p.m.
Escuela Elemental Hillcrest, 80 N. Airlite St., Elgin	Jueves, 14 de marzo	6 p.m. a 7 p.m.
Centro de Aprendizaje Temprano Independence, 200 Taylor Ave., Bartlett	Jueves, 14 de marzo	5 p.m. a 6 p.m.





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Escuela Elemental Channing, 63 S. Channing St., Elgin	Martes, 19 de marzo	6 p.m. a 7 p.m.
Biblioteca South Elgin Branch, 127 McLean Blvd., South Elgin	Jueves, 4 de abril	5:30 p.m. a 6:30 p.m.
Escuela Elemental Timber Trails, 1675 McDonough Road, Hoffman Estates	Miércoles, 10 de abril	6 p.m. a 7 p.m.
Biblioteca Gail Borden 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin	Miércoles, 10 de abril	6 p.m. a 7 p.m.
Centro de Servicios Educativos de U-46, 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin	Miércoles, 17 de abril	6 p.m. a 7 p.m.

Los padres que tienen preguntas sobre estas reuniones informativas pueden comunicarse con el Departamento de Estudiantes Aprendiendo el Idioma Inglés (ELL) al 847-888-5000 ext. 5331 or ext. 5332.

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