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# Dual Language Immersion Program Virtual Learning FAQ

## **Is the immersion program still happening this year?**

Yes! Our immersion teachers are excited and ready to go!

## **How many minutes per day will students receive instruction in the target language?**

Students will receive 30-45 minutes of synchronous instruction in the target language during the daily Morning or Afternoon Zoom Meeting. They will also participate in asynchronous learning activities in the target language.

## **In which subjects will students receive instruction in the target language?**

Students will receive instruction in the target language during Math and Science. They will also receive instruction in Mandarin Language Arts or Spanish Language Arts.

## **How will my child understand the content if the teacher is speaking in the target language?**

Our teachers are skilled at communicating in the target language in a simplified way so that their students understand what they mean, even when they don't understand all the words and structures. Teachers use a variety of strategies such as pictures, gestures, and manipulatives in order to promote comprehension and confidence.

## **What if I don't speak the target language?**

It is not necessary for parents to speak Mandarin or Spanish. The teachers will provide the support your student will need to be successful in the class.

## **Will my child still get instruction in English?**

Yes. Students will receive instruction in English for Reading, Writing, and Social Studies.

## **How many teachers will my child have?**

Students will have two main teachers: an ELA (English Language Arts) teacher and an Immersion teacher. The Morning Zoom Meeting will be with the ELA teacher and the Afternoon Zoom Meeting will be with the Immersion teacher, or vice versa. In addition, students will have special area teachers providing instruction in art, music, and P.E.

## **Can my child still be in the immersion program if we decide to switch to the Deer Valley Online Academy?**

The immersion program is not available at the Deer Valley Online Academy. However, we are hoping to develop online Mandarin and Spanish Specials courses for the Academy in the future if there is a demand.

## **If we decide to leave Deer Valley, can my child return to the Immersion program next year?**

Yes, if there is space available. It is strongly suggested, however, that your child continue their language studies while they are away in order to facilitate a successful re-entry.

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