TSD Dual Language Immersion
“Giving your child the gift of a second language”

The Thompson School District offers Dual Language Immersion 50/50 Programs in Spanish in two schools in Loveland: Truscott Elementary School and Cottonwood Plains Elementary School. Dual Language Immersion is an academic program that enhances the development of content in two languages - English and Spanish, as well as literacy in both languages, so that students will graduate ready for college, career, and life in a globally competitive economy.

What to expect in a 50/50 dual language immersion program

- Instruction is divided between qualified teachers in two classrooms: one English, one Spanish.
- **English-speaking teacher** uses half of the instruction day to teach English language arts and portions of social studies and science, as well as other subjects of the curriculum.
- **Spanish-speaking teacher** uses the other half of the day to teach Spanish literacy, math, from the grade-appropriate level of the Colorado State Standards.

Why Spanish?

- Spanish opens the doors to many domestic and international career opportunities.
- Knowledge of the Spanish language is also an asset in the fields of science, math, business, law, medicine, arts, the military and the humanities. Scores of major international businesses and organizations, as well as American companies, regularly recruit candidates who speak Spanish.
- Students who learn Spanish perform better on standardized tests since more than 50% of modern-day English words trace their origins to Spanish. This means that Spanish has a relatively quick learning curve, which boosts a student’s confidence.

Program Goals

- Maximize students’ Spanish language proficiency and English language proficiency
- Provide a rich academic environment in both languages
- Develop students’ abilities to work and live successfully in multiple cultural settings
- Offer a rich, culturally-diverse experience

Proven Benefits of Language Immersion

- Students achieve high levels of proficiency in the immersion language.
- Students perform as well as or better than non-immersion students on standardized tests of English and math administered in English.
- Students typically develop greater cognitive flexibility, demonstrating increased attention control, better memory, and stronger problem-solving skills as well as an enhanced understanding of their own language.
- Students are more aware of and show more positive attitudes towards other cultures; a global skill needed for the 21st century.

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Name of Child: ____________________________  Male ____  Female ____

Date of Birth: ____________________________  Home school: ____________________________

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): ______________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: _________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip Code: ___________________________________________

Home Phone: ____________________________  Work Phone: ________________________________

Cell Phone: ____________________________  E-mail: ____________________________

My child will be in kindergarten next fall and is interested in the program.  ☐ Yes  ☐ No
If yes, I am interested in enrolling in  ____ Cottonwood Plains  ____ Truscott

My child will be in first grade next fall and is interested in the program.  ☐ Yes  ☐ No
If yes, I am interested in enrolling in  ____ Cottonwood Plains  ____ Truscott

Why would you like your child to be enrolled in this TSD Dual Language Immersion Program?
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PARENT SIGNATURE  ____________________________  DATE  ____________________________

Please return the form to:
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