On the Road to Biliteracy

The goal of the world languages program is to prepare students to be linguistically and culturally competent in languages other than English. The ability to communicate in a culturally appropriate manner with speakers of other languages is the key to success in the increasingly diverse global community of the 21st century.

One-Way Immersion (OWI) – Depending on the model, students receive between 50% (partial immersion) to 90% (total immersion) of their instruction in a respective program language.

Two-Way Immersion (TWI) – 50% of instruction is delivered in each program language. The students receive lessons from two teachers; one providing academic instruction in English, and the other providing academic instruction in Spanish.

Elementary (K-5)

Language immersion is an educational approach to learn the curriculum content through a second language.

**CHINESE** ONE-WAY Immersion locations
- Bayard Rustin ES
- Potomac ES

**FRENCH** ONE-WAY Immersion locations
- Maryvale ES
- Sligo Creek ES

**SPANISH** ONE-WAY Immersion locations
- Burnt Mills ES
- William Tyler Page ES
- Rock Creek Forest ES

**SPANISH** TWO-WAY Immersion locations
- Brown Station ES
- Kemp Mill ES
- Oakland Terrace ES
- Rolling Terrace ES
- Gaithersburg ES
- Washington Grove ES
- White Oak MS
  *New for 2023-24
- Westland MS
- Silver Spring International MS

Middle School

Earn up to 3 high school World Language credits

» Non-immersion students may request to be assessed and if they pass, may attend if space is available

High School

Two credits in a world language (or American Sign Language) may be used to meet a graduation requirement.

Continue to study the same language at high levels of proficiency

High school graduates who function in two or more languages are equipped with the knowledge and skills to participate successfully in college, careers, and a diverse 21st century society.

If a language is not available at a school, students may submit an Academic Transfer to a school with the language (if space is available).

More information: [https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/languages/hs.aspx](https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/languages/hs.aspx)
## One-Way and Two-Way Immersion Articulation Plan

### Elementary Program | Model | Current Articulation through 2021-2022 | Articulation Starting in SY 2023-2024
---|---|---|---
Rolling Terrace ES (Spanish) | TWI | Silver Spring International MS | Silver Spring International MS^<sup>1</sup> 
Sligo Creek ES (French) | OWI | | 
Burnt Mills ES (Spanish) | OWI | Silver Spring International MS | White Oak MS
William Tyler Page ES (Spanish) | OWI | | 
Gaithersburg ES (Spanish) | TWI | Gaithersburg MS | Gaithersburg MS
Maryvale ES (French) | OWI | Gaithersburg MS | 
Washington Grove ES (Spanish) | TWI | Forest Oak MS | 
Rock Creek Forest ES (Spanish) | OWI | Westland MS | Westland MS
Bayard Rustin ES (Chinese) | OWI | Herbert Hoover MS | Herbert Hoover MS
Potomac ES (Chinese) | OWI | | 
Kemp Mill ES (Spanish) | TWI | Odessa Shannon MS | Odessa Shannon MS
Brown Station ES (Spanish) | TWI | Lakelands Parks MS | Lakelands Park MS
Oakland Terrace ES (Spanish) | TWI | Newport Mill MS | Newport Mill MS^<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>*First class of OTES of Grade 5 students going to NMMS in 2024-2025

<sup>2</sup>Due to school capacity, only Spanish immersion students with SSIMS as a homeschool will be able to attend its immersion program

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