

The **ONLY TRULY BILINGUAL**
ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITY for your
CHILDREN...



THE

**TWO WAY BILINGUAL
IMMERSION PROGRAM**

AT BIJOU COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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What is Two Way Bilingual Immersion?

The Two Way Bilingual Immersion Program at Bijou Community School provides your child academic instruction in all content areas through two languages, English and Spanish. This program teaches to the district standards in all academic subjects while creating fully bilingual students, all the while creating positive cross-cultural bonds & attitudes.



GOALS of Two Way Bilingual Immersion

- Full proficiency in English & Spanish
- High levels of achievement in all academic subject areas
- Positive cross-cultural attitudes and behaviors





Summary of 90/10 Model of Two Way Bilingual Immersion at Bijou

Teacher Talking»	In Spanish	In English
TK/Kindergarten	90%	10%
First Grade*	90%	10%
Second Grade	80%	20%
Third Grade	70%	30%
Fourth Grade	60%	40%
Fifth Grade	50%	50%

In the upper grades (6-12), roughly 25% of students' day will be in Spanish (2 classes per year).



TWBI Benefits for Students

- Bilingualism: full literacy in 2 languages,
- * Biculturalism: develop appreciation for another culture AND gain a deeper understanding of own culture,
- * Empowerment of Spanish speaking students to develop leadership roles & advocacy skills,
- * Provides an equal access to education,
- * Raises minority status = raises self esteem,
- Good preparation for functioning in a GLOBAL society academically & socially,
- Equal or IMPROVED scores on standardized English achievement tests in comparison to peers (not in TWBI program),
- Increases parent involvement,
- Promotes critical thinking, problem solving & cooperative skills.

TWI Benefits for the School & Community



- Promotes linguistic/racial/social equality,
- Promotes communication between cultures,
- Promotes tolerance and acceptance of cultural differences,
- Promotes desegregation,
- Creates a more united and close-knit community.



EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS



- Support the program, the goals, the teacher, & Bijou Community School.
- 6 -year commitment (per child) TWBI extends through middle and high school. Recommitment will be sought after 5th grade.
- Promote biculturalism... this goal cannot be met if it is not being practiced at home
 - Create opportunities for your children & family
 - Get to know ALL TWI families in your class
- Volunteer your time...a minimum of 1 hour a week will be required of each family
 - 1/2 an hour/week in your child's TWI classroom
 - 1/2 an hour/week in a committee to benefit the whole school



HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION???



- ✓ VISIT BIJOU.LTUSD.ORG/TWO_WAY_IMMERSION.COM FOR INFORMATION ABOUT BIJOU & COMMITMENT FORMS.
- ✓ DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH: WWW.TAHOETWOWAYIMMERSION.COM WILL SEND YOU TO MANY MORE LINKS WITH NATIONWIDE RESEARCH AND ARTICLES;
- ✓ VISIT THE TWBI CLASSES AT BIJOU COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND SEE THE PROGRAM IN ACTION (CALL FOR AN APPT.);
- ✓ EMAIL MUBIAS@LTUSD.ORG WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE!

SIGN ME UP!



- ✿ Fill out and turn in a **COMMITMENT FORM** to enter your child into the lottery (please only do so if you are 100% sure that this is the opportunity you want for your family.) **COMMITMENT FORM** must be received by February 16, 2024.
- ✿ **MANDATORY** informational meeting will be held on either Feb. 27 or Feb. 28th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at Bijou Community School (Cafeteria).
- ✿ 2024-2025 Kindergarten Class Lottery will be held on February 29th(9 am)...everyone welcome! Emails will go out thereafter.