



# WHAT IS SPANISH IMMERSION?

## A GUIDE FOR NPC PARENTS

Spanish Immersion may look a little different from the classroom you remember. But the idea is simply:

### CHILDREN LEARN SPANISH BY LEARNING IN SPANISH!

Instead of only studying vocabulary for a few minutes each day, students hear, speak, read and learn in Spanish throughout their school day.



### Young children are natural language learners!

Beginning at age 3, students learn in a 100% Spanish-speaking environment, developing the language naturally. As they grow, English is intentionally introduced, building strong skills in both languages with guidance from teachers.



### ALONG THE WAY, THEY'RE ALSO BUILDING:

#### Confidence

Students learn to comfortably speak, read, write and learn in Spanish.

#### Real-World Fluency

Spanish becomes a language for everyday life, opening doors to careers, relationships and future opportunities.

#### Opportunities to share the Gospel

Students learn to pray, worship, share the Gospel and talk about their faith across languages and cultures.

#### Cultural Understanding

Learning from native Spanish-speaking teachers helps students build meaningful relationships, empathy and appreciation for other cultures.

#### Skills for the Future

Bilingualism can strengthen memory, problem-solving and multitasking, while making it easier to learn additional languages.

### HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

You do not need to speak Spanish to support your child!

#### Let Spanish happen naturally.

Children often associate Spanish with their teachers, classmates and classroom environment. Don't be discouraged if they don't immediately "perform" or translate Spanish on command outside of school. Their confidence will grow with time.

**Let them be the teacher!** Ask them to teach you a Spanish word or phrase they know when they're ready.

**Listen & celebrate.** Let them read, sing or speak Spanish to you, even if you don't understand every word.

**Encourage their journey.** Remind them, "I'm proud of you for learning something I never had the opportunity to learn." **Your encouragement matters more than you know.**

