

## Learning a world language “es genial”



### Studies have shown that students who learn a second language at an early age:

- Experience a positive effect on their intellectual growth and an enrichment and enhancement of their mental development
- Develop flexibility in thinking, greater sensitivity to language and a better ear for listening
- Gain greater understanding of their native language
- Build skills for future job opportunities; in many career areas, knowing another language will be an important, if not essential, asset
- Acquire the ability to communicate with people they otherwise may not have had the chance to know
- Become more open to other cultures and understand and appreciate people from other countries

## Registration for the Spanish Immersion Program

For more information about enrolling your child in Spanish Immersion at an elementary school in our district, please contact any of the following individuals for assistance:

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**General information about the Immersion Programs at Forest Lake Area Schools**  
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**Please visit our website, [www.flaschools.org](http://www.flaschools.org), to learn even more about our Language Immersion programs.**



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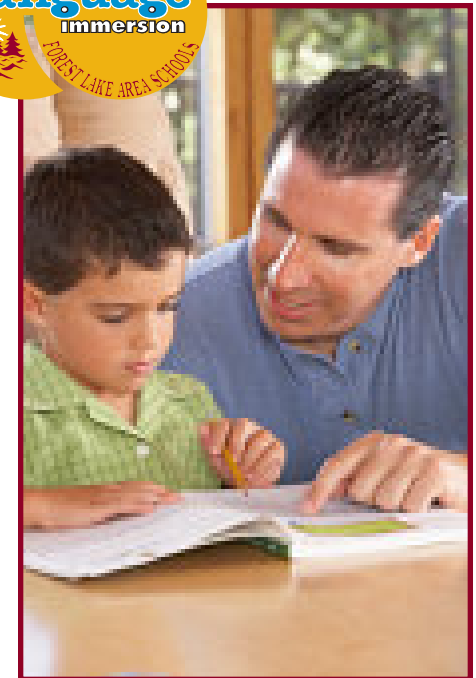
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# Spanish Immersion

*Opening a world of doors for your child's future*

## Program

Forest Lake Area Schools is offering a Spanish Immersion program at two of its elementary schools – Lino Lakes Elementary and Forest View Elementary. This program is available to families who want their child to have the opportunity to learn a world language in the most effective way possible.

### Why are language programs important?

Through technology, our world is becoming smaller. With each passing year, more and more businesses are learning the importance of responding to expanding markets beyond the U.S. borders. It will be critical for our next generation of adults to be able to communicate globally, and to do so effectively. Also, college and university admission departments are placing a much greater emphasis on world language skills than ever before.

### Why immersion?

Thirty years of research into the effectiveness of language programs has revealed that immersion programs are the best way for children to learn a world language. Immersion students learn the language faster, with more fluency and ultimately retain the language skills over a longer period of time. Also, students who learn one world language early in life find it much easier to learn other languages in the future.



### What types of students benefit from immersion programs?

Learning a world language is an important skill for any student.

Our Spanish Immersion Program is an option available to students whose native language is English and whose families place a high level of importance on their children developing world language skills.

Information is available for parents who are curious about or considering an immersion program. Immersion could be a great opportunity for your child.

### What would the class day look like in an immersion program?

In an immersion class at Forest Lake Area Schools, literacy skills are taught in English. But several other subjects, including math, science and social studies, are taught in Spanish.

Students “immersed” in Spanish begin to adjust very quickly to the class format, and their language skills tend to develop very rapidly.



For more information on immersion, go to [www.flaschools.org](http://www.flaschools.org).