



# LANGUAGE IMMERSION PATHWAYS

Building a World-class Education in Calcasieu Parish ~ Spring 2024

## What is Immersion?

Language Immersion is a method of instruction that produces a high degree of proficiency in the second language (French or Spanish). In the pathway, content knowledge in Math, Science, and Social Studies and language skills are acquired together. Students are not expected to have any prior knowledge of the immersion language before beginning in Kindergarten.

## Why Immersion?

Studies show that students in immersion pathways become better problem-solvers and more resilient learners. Learning in a second language increases vocabulary and strengthens grammar in both languages. In addition, students in immersion pathways tend to out-score non-immersion students on standardized tests.

## Admission Process:

The school will contact you to start the screening process. If needed, students selected for an Immersion pathway will be granted an Out of Zone permit to attend the Immersion school; however, parents must provide transportation. Once selected for the program, an Out of Zone application must be submitted to Child Welfare and Attendance before June 2024 for admission in August 2024. **If your child is not selected for your first school of choice, please apply at another school.**

## Schools

### French Immersion

- Henry Heights Elementary
- Prien Lake Elementary
- Gillis Elementary
- S.J. Welsh Middle
- (students continuing from HH and PLE)
- Moss Bluff Middle
- Barbe High School
- Sam Houston High School

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### Spanish Immersion

- Oak Park Elementary
- Frasch Elementary
- Oak Park Middle
- W.W. Lewis
- Sulphur High School
- L.C. Boston-Academy

AS PER DISTRICT'S DATA, EACH ONE OF THE IMMERSION PATHWAYS CONSISTENTLY PRODUCES HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS.

Prien Lake  
Kindergarten French  
Immersion Testing  
Registration Form

