

# FHPS Spanish Immersion Overview

The Forest Hills Public Schools Spanish immersion program is open to all students residing within the Forest Hills Public School District. This program is *not* open to Schools of Choice applicants. Transportation is available to Spanish immersion students who reside within the FHPS district and may be provided utilizing regional bus stops. Students in the Spanish immersion program experience an early-total one-way immersion model in grades kindergarten through six. In seventh grade, the program shifts to a 50/50 one-way immersion model with two of the four core classes taught in Spanish.

The immersion application process for in-district families usually occurs in the winter of the year prior to a student entering kindergarten. The application process is outlined on the FHPS website, [www.fhps.net](http://www.fhps.net), and is available by calling Ada Vista Elementary School, 616-493-8970.

## How does a child enter the Spanish immersion program?

1. Through siblings currently enrolled.
2. Through a lottery system.

\* The program is available only to families who reside within the FHPS district.



### Ada Vista Elementary School Grades K-4

- \* Building-wide Spanish immersion.
- \* No entrance proficiency testing for K-1.
- \* Grades K-1 taught in Spanish.
- \* Grades 2-4 limited English each day; used only to teach English-specific skills.
- \* Some special classes (e.g., music) may be taught in English.



### Northern Trails 5/6 School

- \* Spanish and English language arts taught in their respective languages.
- \* Remainder of core classes taught in Spanish.
- \* Same electives as other 5/6 buildings, taught in English.
- \* Spanish immersion students do not participate in world language Spanish elective.



### Northern Hills Middle School

- \* Social studies and language arts taught in Spanish.
- \* Math and science taught in English.
- \* Electives taught in English.
- \* One semester required elective replacement in Comparative Languages in both 7th and 8th grades.



### Northern High School INTENSE STUDY:

- \* Selecting two, full-year SI courses in language arts and social studies taught in Spanish in grades 9, 10, 11, 12.
- \* Additional Spanish AP courses and/or SI electives may be available.

### MODERATE STUDY:

- \* Selecting fewer SI classes throughout high school.
- \* Additional Spanish AP courses and/or SI electives may be available.

### ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

- (may include costs to families)
- \* Dual-enrollment, travel, internships, and/or proficiency testing.

### NEW AREAS OF STUDY:

- \* Pursue interest outside of Spanish.

