



Lyseth Elementary School's Spanish Immersion Program Kindergarten Enrollment and Lottery Procedure

All entering kindergarteners from the Lyseth neighborhood are eligible to apply for a place in the Kindergarten Immersion classroom. Decades of research indicate that immersion programs are effective and successful for all types of learners from all types of backgrounds.

If there are only 22 eligible students who have completed their application by the deadline, then all in-neighborhood children who apply will be admitted in the Spanish Immersion Kindergarten class.

If the number of completed applications is greater than 22, then a lottery will be conducted and a waiting list will be established.

- Preference for Kindergarten enrollment in the Spanish Immersion Program is given to students who have siblings currently enrolled in the Spanish Immersion Program residing in the City of Portland.
- These siblings will be accepted into the program if they submit their registration materials by the lottery registration deadline.
- Sibling preference in the program is based on the evidence from decades of history demonstrating the great importance of family support on the success and sustainability of language immersion programs.
- I understand that if I move out of the City of Portland, I will forfeit my placement in the Spanish Immersion Program.
- Priority is next given to in-neighborhood applicants. In the event of a lottery, all in-neighborhood applicants who are not selected through this process will be placed on the wait-list.
- Out-of-neighborhood children will be placed on the out-of-neighborhood wait list which will be activated only if there is space available after all of the children on the in-neighborhood wait list are offered a place in the program.

Lottery Process

1. All eligible students who have submitted a completed application form by the deadline will be entered into the lottery pool.
2. Before the lottery begins, any sibling of a current student in the Spanish Immersion Program who has completed an application will be offered a spot in the Spanish Immersion Kindergarten class.
3. The students in the pool will be assigned one lottery number using a random number generator.

4. Spots in the class will then be filled by lottery number from lowest to highest.
5. Multiple birth siblings in the lottery pool will be treated as one student and given one number in the lottery number generator to ensure that all siblings will have a spot if desired.
6. Students not offered a spot will be placed on a wait list ordered by lottery number.
7. Families will be notified by letter after the application deadline of June 5th and before the end of the last student day if they are admitted or put on a waiting list.
8. Acceptance of program admission will be required of the families who have won a seat in the Spanish Immersion class by the assigned deadline date.

Activation of Wait-list

- If an opening arises, that spot will be offered to the first student on the wait list.
- Students who have completed a Spanish Immersion Application after the deadline will be added to the wait list in the order that their application is received.
- Families may hold on to their spot on the wait list until December 1st. Students that have not been enrolled in the immersion program from the onset of their kindergarten year will not be considered for a placement unless there is space available and they are transferring in from a similar program and/or can demonstrate language proficiency commensurate to that of the students within the existing program.