

Berkshire Elementary

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Berkshire Elementary ISA School of the Year 2016

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All Berkshire Dual Language students will:

- *Develop fluency and literacy in two languages, English and Spanish;
- *Achieve proficiency in all academic subjects, meeting or exceeding district and state goals;
- *Demonstrate a greater understanding and appreciation of other cultures and acquire confidence and self-esteem.

We also have visiting teachers from Spain joining our staff.



CURRICULUM

Berkshire Elementary was the first school in Palm Beach County to utilize a unique model to immerse students in language and cultural experiences. Our students follow a 90/10%, 80/20%, 60/40% model language respectively with more time spent in Spanish than in English in the primary grades. The model we mostly use is the 50/50%, where English and Spanish are used equally throughout the program. Our number one goal is for our students to obtain maximum academic excellence. Content and literacy instructions are provided to all students in both languages. Students engage in reading, writing, science, social studies, art, music, and physical education. Mathematics is taught only in Spanish.

GOALS & BENEFITS

Dual Language gives students the opportunity to develop and learn through their native language, as well as the opportunity to become fully biliterate and bilingual in another language and culture. Grade level expectations and assessments are met in both languages by participating students. Berkshire students may continue their language learning at the secondary level in established Palm Beach County Programs.