

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

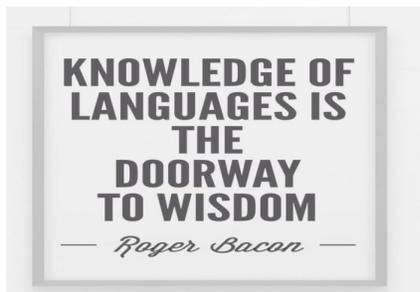
Q: Will my child be confused by learning in two languages?

A: While bilingual kids develop their language abilities differently, bilingualism does not cause confusion. (Bonfiglio, Chontelle)

Q: How can my child participate in this program?

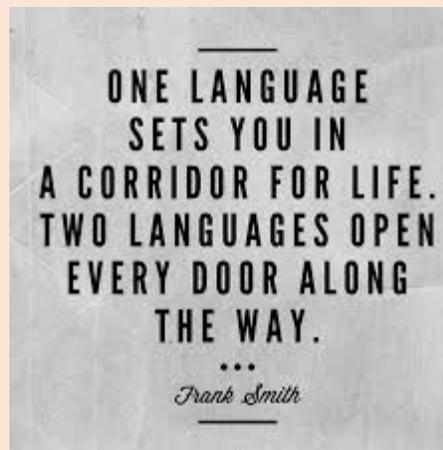
A: Students whose native language is Spanish and are eligible for ESL programs have the right to participate in this program (Illinois Administrative School Code).

Students whose primary language is English are invited to participate in this enriching language program housed at PC(K) and Rock Cut (1-6). Parents/Guardian of incoming Kindergarteners need to fill out a 'Harlem Language Academy Program Interest Form.' **The admission to this program will be based on spots available .**



For more information, please call our program coordinator:

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The conquest of learning is achieved through the knowledge of languages.

—Roger Bacon

Our students will be:

- **Biliterate**
- **Bilingual**
- **Bicultural**

Harlem Language Academy



What is HoLA—Harlem Language Academy?

HoLA is a form of bilingual education in which students are taught literacy and academic content in two languages. It offers a unique opportunity for students to excel academically; all while learning a new language!

Harlem Language Academy fosters:

- ◇ **Bilingualism**—The ability to speak two languages
- ◇ **Biliteracy**—The ability to read and write in two languages
- ◇ **Biculturalism**—Enhanced awareness and responsiveness to linguistic and cultural diversity in this global society
- ◇ Increased levels of academic achievement through instruction in two languages.

Harlem Language Academy reflects and honors the cultural diversity of our community.

Through Harlem Language Academy’s design, students will strategically learn all content areas in both English and in Spanish. There will be an initial emphasis of immersion in Spanish during the primary grades. Students develop high academic and linguistic levels in both languages when a commitment to the seven year program is followed.

The curriculum that has been implemented in the Language Academy classrooms is parallel to the other classrooms in the Harlem School District. This curriculum is then taught in an interactive approach through scaffolding which ensures that children learn the academic content while

HARLEM LANGUAGE ACADEMY’S GOALS

Our students will be able to...

- ◆ Be at or above grade level,
- ◆ Develop increased levels of academic and linguistic proficiency in their first language,
- ◆ Develop increased levels of academic and linguistic proficiency in their target language,
- ◆ Demonstrate positive cross-cultural attitudes and behaviors.
- ◆ Bilingual, Biliterate, Bicultural
- ◆ Work toward obtaining the *Seal of Biliteracy*

	K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Classroom Instructional Language Allocation	10%	10%	20%	40%	40%	50%	50%
Asignación Instrucciona Del Idioma en la Clase	90%	90%	80%	60%	60%	50%	50%
	Español			Inglés		English	
				Spanish			

