



Yak Academy Spanish Immersion Preschool Program Class Descriptions

Thank you for your interest in Yak Academy's Spanish Immersion Preschool Program. We are excited to share the options we have available for your child, as they start their educational and language learning journey.

Below you will find brief descriptions of the preschool and kinder programs that we offer at our center. We pride ourselves in having highly trained teachers who are all native Spanish speakers.

If you should have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us at rbyakacademy@gmail.com

We hope that you choose Yak Academy to partner with you and your family as you embark on this journey!

Transitional 2's and 3's AM 8:30-11:30AM

This is an **AM half day option** offered to students who are of ages 2 and 3 years. Students in this class are exposed to the foundations of Spanish language through active play, music, and movement. They also learn routines, procedures, and expressions of courtesy as well as progress and develop cognitively according to their age.

Students in this classroom should be in the process of being potty trained.

Preschool Ages 3½ -5

This class **has 2 options available**—Half Days AM (8:30-11:30AM) or PM (12-3PM) and Full-Day 8:30AM-3PM and is offered to students who are of ages 3½ -5 years of age. Students in this class have had varied exposure to the Spanish language (depending on prior exposure to language), and focuses on expanding their language learning development for conversational purposes. Students learn in the target language through active play, music, and movement, and depending on their age they are introduced to basic bi-literacy skills (such as initial sounds, vowel and consonants, and very basic writing skills –i.e. their name). This class is for any student that will be transitioning into a traditional English Only kinder or homeschool program.

Immersion Bound Ages 4-5

This is a **Full Day (8:30-3PM)** program offered to students who are 4-5 years of age and will be following a path to bi-literacy through a Dual Immersion program. Students in this class meet a **minimum of 3 full days** a week, and focus on deeper receptive (speaking and listening) and expressive (reading and writing) skills in order to prepare them for native speakers entrance exams at dual immersion programs in our area. Students learn in the target language through thematic units that incorporate active play, music, movement, and peer collaboration. They build upon all 4 domains of literacy (reading, writing, speaking, and listening) and learn sounds, sight words, reading comprehension, and analogies. In months of January-March, students focus on preparing and practicing for the Dual Immersion entrance exams with teachers and peers.

*****Given the rigor and increased demand in Dual Immersion programs in our area, we are no longer offering half day options or 1-2 full day options for this program. Our decision is based on data that we have collected from our alumni, as well as our observations throughout the years prior. We have seen that the more exposure and practice yields to increased acceptance rates for our students. Most schools are lottery based, and only accept a total of 52 students (26 native speakers, 26 non-native speakers) with an additional 80-90 students on a waitlist.***

Kinder Students

This is **PM half day program** offered to students who are already attending kinder in the morning, either at a local elementary school or homeschool. Students in this class have had varied exposure to the Spanish language (depending on prior exposure to language), and focuses on expanding their language learning development for conversational purposes. Students learn in the target language through active play, music, and movement, and depending on their age they are introduced to basic bi-literacy skills (such as initial sounds, vowel and consonants, some sight words, and very basic writing skills). This class is for any student that will be continuing in one of our After-School Enrichment programs when they are in 1st grade.