



PROGRAM SCHOOL YEAR _____

SONIA SOTOMAYOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Spanish Immersion Program Application

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN

This form acts as the initial application to the Sioux Falls School District's Spanish Immersion Program at Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School. Submission of this form **does not** guarantee acceptance into the program. See Enrollment Procedures for complete details.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name:		
(Legal Last Name)	(Legal First Name)	(Middle)

Birthdate:	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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Is student currently receiving IEP services? Yes No

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION (THE STUDENT RESIDES WITH)

<input type="checkbox"/> Both parents/same residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Each parent/separate residences
<input type="checkbox"/> Mother Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother/Stepfather
<input type="checkbox"/> Father Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Parent
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Guardian	<input type="checkbox"/> Father/Stepmother
<input type="checkbox"/> Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

HOUSEHOLD LANGUAGE INFORMATION

What language is most frequently spoken in your home?	
Which language did your child learn when they first began to talk?	
What language does your child most frequently speak at home?	
What language do you most frequently speak to your child?	
Is sign language used? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

HOUSEHOLD A PARENT/GUARDIAN (WHERE STUDENT RESIDES THE MAJORITY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR)

Name(s):	
Relationship to student:	
Address:	
City:	Zip:
Is this residence located within the Sioux Falls School District boundaries? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No* (see below)	

If you checked **NO above, you must complete an open enrollment application and submit along with this application. You can obtain an open enrollment application in any school office or at the Instructional Planning Center. Acceptance into the Spanish Immersion Program is contingent upon approval of your open enrollment application.*

Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:
Email Address:		

HOUSEHOLD B PARENT/GUARDIAN

Name(s):	
Relationship to student:	
Address:	
City:	Zip:

Is this residence located within the Sioux Falls School District boundaries? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If you checked NO above, what school district do you reside in?		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:
Email Address:		
LIST SIBLING(S) CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM		
Name of Child	Current Grade	

Are you a staff member of the Spanish Immersion Program? Yes No

PLACEMENT PRIORITY: If accepted into the program, site placement follows these priorities:

1. Sibling(s) currently enrolled in the Spanish Immersion Program / Spanish Immersion Program Staff Children
2. Age Qualified But Withheld (by date of application)
3. Lottery number

SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM PARENT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I understand that the Spanish Immersion Program provides a total language experience for English speaking students to become proficient in both English and Spanish. If my child does not meet the English proficiency requirement, he/she will not be eligible to participate in the program.

I understand that my child will study similar curriculum to non-immersion students.

Spanish Immersion is a unique educational program, which requires a basic commitment from parents or guardians that for each child in the program, a parent or guardian is required to read to the student in English every day for 20 minutes. This emphasis on at home reading is required so that the optimum educational program can be maintained. I understand that if, for any reason, I (we) may not be able to fulfill the reading commitment, I (we) agree to visit, in person, with an administrator of the Spanish Immersion Program regarding continued participation in the program. Failure to fulfill this commitment may result in removal from the Spanish Immersion Program.

I understand that the best benefit for my child from the Spanish Immersion Program is received if my child completes the entirety of both the Elementary program (K-5) and Middle School program (6-8). I also understand that any application received serves as the applicant's notice of intent to enroll in the Spanish Immersion Program, and obligates the student to attend Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School. If you wish to withdraw your child after acceptance into the program, an exit interview with Sonia Sotomayor Administration must be completed.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Print Name

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO SONIA SOTOMAYOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Spanish Immersion Program Enrollment Procedures

1. **Application:** Spanish Immersion applications will be accepted beginning the first day of school the year **preceding** the child's kindergarten year.
 - Spanish Immersion Program Applications may be obtained from Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School (1510 S Lake Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105) or online at www.sf.k12.sd.us.
 - **Non-Sioux Falls School District Residents:** If your residence is located outside the Sioux Falls School District boundaries, you must submit an open enrollment application along with your Spanish Immersion Program Application. **Acceptance into the Spanish Immersion Program is contingent upon the approval of your open enrollment application.** Failure to submit an open enrollment application may prohibit your student from being able to enter the lottery/program.
 - Completed applications must be submitted to Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School. Applications will be date and time stamped upon receipt at Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School. Applications from siblings currently enrolled in the Spanish Immersion Program and Spanish Immersion Program Staff children will be marked "sibling/staff". All other applications will receive a number (If there is a family with more than one application, e.g. twins or siblings, those applications will receive the same number.)
 - **The application deadline is 5:00 PM on the second Tuesday of January for the following school year.**

2. Priority for Acceptance: Our acceptance procedure follows these priorities:

1. **Siblings:** Sibling(s) currently enrolled in the Spanish Immersion Program and Spanish Immersion Program Staff children **whose application is submitted by the January deadline.**
2. **Age Qualified but Withheld:** Students, who after acceptance in the year the student turned 5*, but after consultation with a program Administrator a decision was made for the student to wait for another year, **whose application is submitted by the January deadline.** *For student success in this program, it is recommended that the student be ready socially, as well as academically.
3. **Lottery:** If spaces remain after Siblings and Age Qualified have been accepted, on the Friday following the application deadline the Sioux Falls School District will conduct a lottery to fill the remaining spaces with students whose application is submitted by the January deadline.

Lottery Process: Sonia Sotomayor staff will deliver a list of all applications to the Director of Curriculum by noon on the second Thursday of January. The Director of Curriculum will use a random number generator to determine the order of the applications. The Director of Curriculum will compile the official list of the applications in

order according to the random number generator. A line will be drawn indicating where the open slots available end and the wait list begins.

4. **Applications Received After Deadline:** Any application received after the application deadline (see Paragraph 1 above) will be placed on the wait list in date and time stamp order that the application is received at Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School.
5. **Notification:** The principal of Sonia Sotomayor will notify applicants of acceptance/placement and wait list by email on the 3rd Tuesday in January. Official notification including the position on the wait list will follow through US Mail.

Sonia Sotomayor principal and clerical will monitor enrollments and changes and contact people on the waiting list as openings become available.

6. **Withdrawal from the Program After Acceptance:** Any application received serves as the applicant's notice of intent to enroll in the Spanish Immersion Program and obligates the student to attend Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School.

Due to the specialized nature of this program an English proficiency assessment may be deemed necessary to determine eligibility of participation into the language immersion program. The program administrator(s) have the authority to determine if this is necessary.