

QUESTIONS

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Do I need to reapply each year to participate in the program or stay on the wait list?

No. Students that are accepted into the program remain at the school through 5th grade. Once accepted, Folsom Hills or Cordova Gardens becomes that child's home school throughout their participation in the Spanish Magnet Program.

Regarding wait lists, once a student is placed on the wait list he or she remains on the wait list in the prioritized order from year to year. There is no need to reapply.

Are the siblings of Spanish Magnet Program students guaranteed placement in the Spanish Magnet Program?

Siblings of Spanish Magnet students may of course apply for the Spanish Magnet Program, but unfortunately, due to the large interest and popularity of this program, we are unable to guarantee sibling placement.

Do students have a choice of which middle school or high school they attend if they enter the program?

Students at Folsom Hills are guaranteed placement at either Sutter Middle School or Folsom Middle School, as well as Vista del Lago or Folsom High School. This is separate from the Spanish Magnet program however; any Folsom Hills or Blanche Sprentz student may take advantage of this opportunity.

Students in Rancho Cordova may elect to pursue the Middle School Years International Baccalaureate Program at Mitchell Middle School or the Spanish Magnet Program at Mills Middle School. Students from Mitchell and Mills Middle Schools matriculate into Cordova High School's IB Program.



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FOLSOM CORDOVA

SPANISH LANGUAGE MAGNET PROGRAM



AT

**FOLSOM HILLS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

AND

**CORDOVA GARDENS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

PROGRAM

The Spanish Magnet Program is an instructional program that integrates Spanish into the state approved grade level curriculum. It is based upon national foreign language standards at the elementary school and designed to support Folsom Cordova curriculum. Depending on the grade level, this instruction can be between 30 minutes to 90 minutes per day.

The Spanish Magnet Program prepares students to develop intermediate oral fluency skills in Spanish, to read at "basic" level, and to write several paragraphs in the present tense. Students will additionally be exposed to the traditions, customs, history, and arts of Spanish speaking countries.



Instruction at each grade level targets the following national foreign language standards:

- Interpersonal communication
- Interpretive communication
- Cultural practices and perspectives
- Cultural products and contributions
- Connections to other disciplines
- Use of authentic sources
- Linguistic comparisons
- Cultural comparisons

OVERVIEW

Folsom Cordova Unified School District offers a Spanish Language Magnet Program at two elementary schools: Folsom Hills and Cordova Gardens. Folsom Hills provides two Spanish Magnet classes in grades 3rd-5th. There is one Spanish Magnet class in grades Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade. Cordova Gardens will provide one Spanish Magnet class at each Kindergarten through 5th grade levels.

Students that participate in this program receive the same grade level instruction in English as all other students in FCUSD. What differentiates this program is that these students receive 30 minutes to 90 minutes per day (depending on grade level) of their instruction in the Spanish language *by their regular classroom teacher*. All Spanish Magnet students are taught by fully credentialed elementary school teachers who are also fluent in Spanish.

Spanish instruction occurs within the regular classroom setting and may be integrated with other subject areas such as language arts, social studies, and P.E. For example, students may be introduced to a reading selection from the language arts curriculum in English; various follow-up activities to support that lesson may be conducted in Spanish such as oral discussion, writing, and vocabulary development. Instructional materials for each Spanish Magnet classroom include all the FCUSD curriculum in English for its respective grade level as well as teacher-developed curriculum in Spanish and a variety of computer software, books and media to engage students in learning Spanish.

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Who may apply to this program?

The Spanish Magnet Program is a district program. Any FCUSD student may apply to participate.

What is the application process?

Applications are available at every FCUSD elementary school office as well as the Education Service Center, 1965 Birkmont Drive, Rancho Cordova, 95742. Forms may also be downloaded online from the Folsom Hills and Cordova Gardens website. Applications must be turned in to your student's home school by **February 1, 2017**.

What if there are more applications than available spaces?

In the event that there are more applicants interested in this program than there are spaces, a random computerized drawing will be conducted at the district office to select the participants. The computerized drawing will also create a prioritized wait list of interested applicants. District policies about non-discrimination will be observed.

Can students from outside Folsom Cordova District apply?

Yes, students may apply through the inter-district agreement process. Out-of-district students will be selected by random drawing for student spaces not filled by district students.

Why do some grade levels have more classes than others?

The program is transitioning at Folsom Hills with a base introduction to Spanish being offered in grades K-2, and an advanced language program being implemented for eligible students in grades 3, 4 and 5. Please see the "Overview" section for details.