

## Bostonia Language Academy

Multilingual fluency is highly regarded and essential in today's worldwide community. To help children excel in the modern world, the educational program choices for Cajon Valley families now include a multilingual program. The Bostonia Language Academy is pleased to announce that we are currently accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year.



## Why Dual Language?

Diversity and multilingual fluency are assets in our global society. The Bostonia Language Academy's multilingual program reflects and promotes respect for differences, curiosity about other cultures, and prepares students to compete on an international scale. Language study, knowledge of world cultures, computer competence, and skills of cross-cultural communication are essential for the development of tomorrow's leaders.

## Our Program

Our program offers native English speakers and native Spanish speakers the opportunity to learn to read, write, and speak in both English and Spanish. Additionally, students are immersed in computer science and digital literacy as a third language. Throughout all grade levels, students in this multilingual program develop strong language, literacy, and academic skills in English and Spanish, and coding.



The Bostonia Language Academy offers a two-way approach to language acquisition and academic proficiency. Essentially half of the students in each classroom are fluent English speakers and half of the students are fluent Spanish speakers. Instruction in this program begins with 90% in Spanish and 10% in English in Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten and first grade. Commencing in second grade, the percentage of English instruction increases for each grade level and continues until it equalizes in fifth grade, with 50% of the instruction in English and 50% of the instruction in Spanish. Computer Science is instructed daily and is purposefully interwoven into all content areas. Technology is used to individualize and personalize instruction to meet students' linguistic and academic needs.

## Research Supports Multilingual Programs

More than 40 years of research consistently supports the power of multilingual programs to help students attain high levels of language proficiency in more than one language. Students who participate in multilingual programs:

- perform at or above students not in multilingual programs on standardized tests administered in English
- achieve high levels of proficiency in the second language, i.e. displaying fluency, confidence, and native-like levels of comprehension in the second language
- attain greater cognitive flexibility and better nonverbal problem-solving abilities when compared to their single-language peers
- outperform their single-language peers in the areas of divergent thinking, pattern recognition, and problem solving
- gain respect, positive attitudes, and an appreciation of linguistic and cultural diversity
- gain an advantage when competing for high-level, high-paying jobs that require competence in more than one language

**Enrollment**

All interested families must attend **ONE** of the following meetings (Spanish translation will be available). School Tours will be conducted immediately after meetings held in the morning:

February 21, 2019	8:30 – 9:30 a.m. 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Tour	Bostonia Language Academy 1390 Broadway, El Cajon, CA 92021
March 14, 2019	8:30 – 9:30 a.m. 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Tour	Bostonia Language Academy 1390 Broadway, El Cajon, CA 92021
March 28, 2019	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Bostonia Language Academy 1390 Broadway, El Cajon, CA 92021
May 2, 2019	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Bostonia Language Academy 1390 Broadway, El Cajon, CA 92021
May 16, 2019	8:30 – 9:30 a.m. 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Tour	Bostonia Language Academy 1390 Broadway, El Cajon, CA 92021
June 4, 2019	5:00 -6:00 p.m.	Bostonia Language Academy 1390 Broadway, El Cajon, CA 92021

\*\*Current Bostonia Language Academy families enrolling younger siblings are not required to attend an orientation. Please contact the front office for more information on enrollment.

To learn more about this program, or if you have any questions, please contact Izela Jacobo at [jacobo@cajonvalley.net](mailto:jacobo@cajonvalley.net) or call 619-588-3121.