

BENEFITS OF DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS?

“The research on the benefits of dual language immersion programs is compelling and deep. Overwhelming evidence shows the DLI programs are the only instructional programs that close the academic achievement gap between emergent bilingual students and non-emergent bilingual students.”

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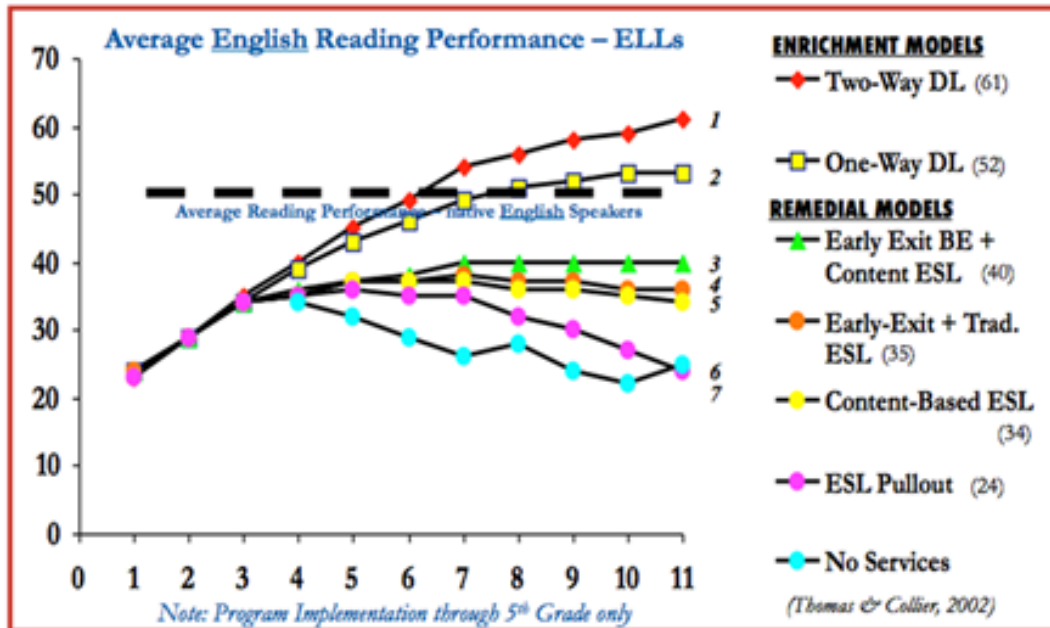


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STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAMS HAVE:

- Increased academic achievement in reading, writing, mathematics, and science test scores
- Increased self-regulation, emotional control, flexibility in thinking, impulse control, planning skills, and self-monitoring skills
- Increased engagement in higher-level learning as they progress through the school system and beyond
- Linguistic and academic proficiency in more than one language
- Increased graduation rates
- A stronger sense of identity and self-esteem
- Increased parent involvement and satisfaction

PATTERNS OF LOW-SES ELLs' LONG-TERM ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH READING ON STANDARDIZED TESTS (similar pattern for each SES group)



Study included over 700,000 minority language students in 5 large districts across the country. Findings were validated by comparing to school systems in 26 states during the following 2 years.

The research findings from one-way and two-way dual language enrichment models of schooling demonstrate the substantial power of this program for enhancing student outcomes and fully closing the achievement gap in second language (L2). Dual language schooling also can transform the experience of teachers, administrators, and parents into an inclusive and supportive school community for all.

Thomas and Collier, 2004.