



Quotes from students:

“Mi parte favorita del programa es que yo puedo hablar español al dos veces al día. También las profesoras/es me caen muy bien y es muy divertido. Muchos de los amigos que tengo están en el programa.

Abriendo Puertas: Mano a Mano”.

(Native Spanish Speaker, 7th grade)

“Yo me siento especial, porque yo sé hablar el español mejor que mis amigos.

(Native English Speaker, 7th grade)

“Me puedo comunicar con todos los miembros de mi familia y con otras personas cuando visito el país de mis padres”.

(Native Spanish Speaker, 7th grade)

“Si no estuviera en el programa Two-Way no tendría todos los amigos que tengo hoy en día. Ahora, puedo hablar y comunicarme con los padres de mis amigos. Por eso puedo pasar mas tiempo con ellos”.

(Native English Speaker, 7th grade)

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Two-Way Bilingual Secondary Program Grades 6-12

Framingham Public Schools
Framingham MA

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Our Program Design ***Walsk Middle School:***

(Grades 6-8)

1. Social Studies and Spanish Language Arts in Spanish.
2. Math, Science and English Language Arts in English.

Framingham High School :

(Grades 9-12)

Spanish Language and Literature I, II, and III
Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish Language course
and/or Spanish AP exam

Electives:

1. "Camino al Futuro": a career exploration course and summer internship offered to interested students who wish to continue improving their Spanish fluency
2. Latin American Culture and the Media
3. Students may choose to enroll in academic classes offered by the Spanish Bilingual Program.

Two-Way Program Recognition

Students who have successfully committed to our Two-Way classes from elementary to middle and high school will be recognized at graduation ceremonies during their senior year. Criteria for successful completion of Two-Way Program includes:

- *Graduation from Barbieri Elementary School*
- *Graduation from Walsk Middle School*
- *Completion of high school program courses (see above)*
- *Program recognition includes Two Way cords worn at graduation, certificate of achievement and recognition in graduation program.*

Program Benefits

Studies done in Canada and in the United States show that by learning a second language students benefit by:

- Increasing academic achievement
- Developing mental flexibility and creativity
- Developing higher level thinking skills
- Maintaining their native language and culture while acquiring a second language
- Collaborating with students from diverse backgrounds

Program Goals

The Two-Way Bilingual Program aims for students to:

- become bilingual and biliterate in Spanish and English.
- progress academically according to the same curriculum used in the standard classrooms.
- develop positive cross-cultural relationships and positive attitudes toward their own culture and that of others.