

Language Learning



It takes 1-2 years for students to be able to participate in everyday social situations at the same level as their native English speaking peers.

It takes 5-7 years for students to be able to participate and succeed in an educational setting at the same level as their native English speaking peers.

**Please Be Patient
With Your Child**

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Parent Information

English as an Additional Language



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Tips for Parents

Provide books in your child's native language.

Read bedtime stories in your child's mother tongue.

Share traditions from your culture because maintaining your child's mother tongue and cultural values helps develop a strong cultural identity.

Encourage after school activities & play dates in both English and mother tongue.

Accept that mistakes are part of all learning.

Continue to communicate with your child in his/her native language even if he/she responds in English.

The model, 'One person, One language' is the best for families who speak more than one language in their home. (German dad speaks German and Canadian mom speaks English to the children.)

Mother Tongue

Parents are strongly encouraged to **continue** to use their **first language** to communicate with their child.

Maintaining the native language does **not** hinder the ability to learn English.

Speaking, reading and writing skills transfer from the child's first language to his/her additional language(s).

Children need to develop and use their first language well in order to succeed in developing their additional language(s). This includes the development of reading and writing skills.

Mixing languages can be expected.

English is intended **not** as a **replacement** of the **first language** but as an **additional language** for the student.

Mother Tongue Classes



Many language classes are held on campus.

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Language schools off campus:

Chinese
Korean
Polish