



Ripona Language Academy

Family Commitment Compact

Ripon Unified School District is committed to the success of every student. Our goal is that each child is:

- Challenged by a rigorous academic program
- Enjoys school and learning
- Feels a sense of belonging
- Is capable and confident

In addition to those foundational basics, our Dual Language Immersion Program students:

- Goal is to become bilingual by developing high levels of proficiency in the students' native languages and in a second language
- Demonstrate multiculturalism through positive cross-cultural attitudes, behaviors, and high levels of self-esteem
- Strive to have no statistically significant achievement gap between native English speakers and English learners

Ripon Unified School District commits to:

- Provide a language-rich environment in the dual-language classroom
- Teach reading and math in English and Spanish.
- Dual Immersion Program through our 50/50 Model
- Extend Spanish literature to grades 6-8 as the program grows
- Offer pathways through high school in order to meet the Seal of Biliteracy requirements
- Consistently strive for the academic success of every student

In order to support a high-quality and sustainable Dual Language Immersion Program, parents commit to its long-term success.

As a parent, I commit to:

- Stay informed about my child's progress by attending parent-teacher conferences and school meetings about the dual language program.
- Talk to the teacher or principal if I have questions.
- Support my child's bilingual and biliterate development by maintaining a positive attitude regarding my child's second language learning.
- Remember that the process of language acquisition is a long-term commitment, and that it takes five to seven years to acquire a second language.
- Maintain my student's participation in the Dual Language Immersion program through at least 5th grade so he or she may fully develop full language skills in both Spanish and English.

Student Name: _____ **Program Entry Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signatures: _____ **Date:** _____

_____ **Date:** _____



Ripona Language Academy 2021-2022 Application

Families follow the regular enrollment process. The Family Commitment Compact and RLA Application are also required. Acceptance is also based on keeping the preferred 50:50 ratio of Native English Speakers to Native Spanish Speakers. (See Appendices B and C of the Ripona Language Academy Plan.)

Student Name _____

Birthdate _____

Grade Level (August, 2021) _____

2020-2021 School Attended _____

Is your student receiving special services on an IEP? _____

Is your student receiving special services on a 504 plan? _____

I understand that if my student is accepted in the Language Academy that they will be enrolled at Ripona Elementary.

Parent/Guardian Names (Printed) _____

Phone Number (____) _____ (____) _____

Email _____

Parent/Guardian Signatures: _____ **Date:** _____

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Please send completed compacts and applications to registration@riponusd.net.