Red Clay Middle and High School Immersion Continuation Overview



What does the immersion continuation program look like in middle and high schools in Delaware?

Although modules may vary according to each district that implements immersion, there are essential elements that the programs all share.

Elementary	Middle School	AP	Bridge	University/
Immersion	Immersion	Language	Program	Career
K-5	6-8	9	10-12	Pathway
Acquire a broad base of content area knowledge and language (50% of day learning core subjects plus literacy in the TL)	Focus on cognition skills and deepening cultural competencies (30% of day learning Social Studies and literacy in the TL)	AP Language and Culture Course; Successful Completion of the exam with a score of 4 or higher is the gateway for the Bridge Program	Upper division dual-enrollment university course work; CTE pathway courses/credentials that capitalize on advanced-level language skills Students may graduate with a Diamond-Level Delaware Certificate of Multiliteracy	Utilize advanced and professional level language skills to develop bilingual and multicultural workforce; support career pathways that mesh with language study

Middle School

Red Clay Middle School Immersion Experience: Skyline Middle School

Skyline students in grades 6-8 will deepen their immersion language skills and cultural competencies through an advanced-level immersion Spanish literacy course and learn Social Studies in Spanish every day. Students participate in literature discussion circles during 7th-grade while reading original novels by Hispanic authors. They research and study Hispanic culture and engage in a variety of relevant projects. In 8th grade, students in the immersion program participate in a virtual cultural exchange with another middle school in a Latin American country and have the opportunity to collaborate on several curriculum-based projects. Additionally, 8th-grade students take the AAPPL test to determine their high school Spanish immersion class placement.

Credits

Based on the students' immersion language proficiency assessment at the end of 8th grade, High School Immersion Continuation students may receive up to four high school World Language credits.



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High School

Red Clay High School Immersion Experience: Primary Location - A.I. High School

A.I. High School will be the primary pathway for Red Clay immersion students. Students attending A.I. High School will be scheduled as a cohort into A.P. Spanish Language and Culture in 9th grade. In the 10th grade year, this cohort will take A.P. Spanish Literature and Composition. In the 11th and 12th grade year, students will have access to 300 level and above university courses.

While it is highly encouraged that students in the immersion program remain in a cohort, the district understands that many factors play into choosing the right high school experience for each student. In response, the Red Clay Consolidated School district has developed a plan to offer both Spanish A.P. courses (through a combination of in-person and virtual learning opportunities) at each high school. The university coursework will also be available to all students regardless of their chosen high school. Other schools will not schedule the Immersion cohort.

Certificate of Multi-literacy

Delaware has two levels of certification according to the level of world language proficiency students may demonstrate—a Gold Level and a Diamond Level. The Gold Level is for students who demonstrate an intermediate-mid level of proficiency, and the Diamond Level is for an Advanced-Low level of proficiency (the level required for teacher certification in Delaware). High School Immersion Continuation students may have the proficiency to receive the Gold or Diamond level certificate by the end of 9th grade.