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From the Executive Director
Brian Weber

I would like to share details on the core day and specials in this message. Please see the Information and Updates section below for more information on extended day plans, uniforms, carpooling, surveys, and the parent-teacher organization.

DLS is a language immersion school which its founders, staff and leading language educators define as teaching the core curriculum in the target language from kindergarten to grade two; an hour of English will be added at DLS each year to grade five. <http://www.cal.org/resources/digest/met00001.html>

DLS will also offer its limited number of specials in the target language to the degree to which DLS can hire qualified instructors in that language.

The DLS school day will run for seven hours, from 8 am to 3 pm. During that time an hour will be devoted to lunch and recess. During the other six hours students will receive instruction primarily in the core curriculum of literacy, math, science and social studies in their target language. Over the course of a week students have 30 hours of instruction in the core subjects and specials.

DLS students will have three classes outside the core curriculum classrooms for 45 minutes each day: art twice a week, physical education/healthy living (PE/HL) twice a week, and a program called Dramatic Adventures (DA) for one period a week that will reinforce the school culture by teaching emotional intelligence and problem solving skills. We will give more details about the specials in future newsletters.

Our full time art teacher, Robin Bozella, speaks both Spanish and Mandarin. She will use the target language for instruction. The

other three periods of specials a week will be taught by English speakers but portions of the class will be in the target language; we anticipate having teaching assistants who speak the target language working with the instructors in PE/HL and DA. The specials teachers will also use flash cards and other written materials in the students' target language.

The bottom line on instruction in the target language: 27.5 hours of the 30 hours of school day instruction a week will be in the target language.

All my best,
Brian
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Get Involved in Your School!



Volunteers Needed!
DLS is hoping to be able to offer a carpool lane to facilitate drop-off and pick-up during the school year. In order to offer this time-saver for parents, we need volunteers! We are looking for parents to cover either morning drop-off or afternoon pick-up for a one-month period.

Please contact Jana Vogel for details at volunteers@denverlanguageschool.org.

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