

Wimbish World Language Academy FAQs

Students at Wimbish World Language Academy (WWLA) will choose between English/Spanish and English/French dual-language programming while also receiving cultural awareness education, an introduction to a third language and summer programming.

What will be different about this school than a traditional school?

WWLA brings together a variety of language opportunities, cultural experiences and 21st century learning for students.

What languages will my child learn?

At WWLA, students will choose English and Spanish or English and French in the dual language program. It will be delivered as a dual immersion, 50/50 model. The core instruction will be 50 percent in English and 50 percent in Spanish or French, depending on the pathway. Language Arts and Social Studies are taught in English. Math and Science are taught in Spanish or French. Time is included for Spanish or French literacy development.

The program will be available pre-K through 2nd grade. Additionally, in grades 2nd – 6th students have a FLES (Foreign Language in the Elementary School) class. They may choose Spanish, French or Chinese Mandarin (starting 2020).

How and when can I apply?

Applications for the 2020-2021 school year will be available at www.aisd.net/specializedprograms for Pre-K through 2nd grades beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 21. Applications are due by October 11, 2019 by 4 p.m.

Wimbish World Language Academy is also accepting applications online for the current 2019-2020 school year for all grades pre-K through 6th until 4 p.m. on Friday, November 1, 2019. To inquire about registering your student for this school year, email Delisse Hardy, Principal, at dhardy1@aisd.net.

What grades are accepted into this program?

For the 2020-2021 school year, students in all grades, prekindergarten through sixth, will be accepted; however, the dual-language program is for grades pre-K-through-second grades. Students are accepted for first and second grades depending on previous language acquisition and language assessment. Third through sixth grades go through the district's standard transfer process.

How do I know if I was accepted and when will I find out?

Parents will receive a decision letter by email by November 12, 2019 and will have until November 15, 2019 to respond.

Is it free?

Yes. There is no cost to attend Wimbish World Language Academy.

Is there transportation?

Students living within Arlington will be able to access through a hub system. Designated campuses serve as hubs for students in nearby schools.

How many students are accepted versus how many people apply each year?

Acceptance numbers will vary depending on grade level. For the pre-K program, we will accept approximately 72 students.

What are the qualifications you are looking for to be accepted?

Applications are scored using a rubric, a type of evaluation tool, for the questions asked in the application. Students applying for first and second grades will need previous language skills/acquisition in either Spanish or French – depending on which track they are applying for – and will have to complete a language assessment for admission.

Do you accept out of district students?

Admission to students who reside outside of Arlington ISD boundaries will be offered only after all resident applicants have been placed. However, out-of-district siblings of current students are exempt from this requirement.

Are there other schools I can go to if I don't get into this one?

Yes, the Arlington ISD has other [specialized programs](#) that you can apply for at the same time as you apply for Wimbish World Language Academy. You must rank your choices first, second and third when completing the application.

Are there any information meetings and is attending an information meeting required?

During the applications process there will be parent information meetings where the principal will review the design of the program, outline expectations for participation and discuss the categories that will be weighted during the application process. Parents will get a more in-depth look at the school, be able to ask questions and receive assistance with the application process. Attending a meeting is not required for admission.

Parents can learn about Wimbish and also the other elementary specialized programs at a parent information meeting:

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Arlington ISD Professional Development Center

1111 W. Arbrook Blvd. in Arlington.

6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Wimbish World Language Academy will host a parent information meeting about its program:

Thursday, October 3

Wimbish World Language Academy

1601 Wright Street, Arlington

6 p.m.

Will my child participate in PE, fine arts or other specials at this school?

Students will participate in art, music, PE, and strings (5th & 6th only) just like at other Arlington ISD elementary schools. At WWLA these are areas where culture is integrated to expand their experience.

Is there after-school care available?

We do have a variety of day care centers that pick up at WWLA. In addition, we have an onsite Boys and Girls Club program on the campus after-school.

Who do I contact for more information?

To learn more about the Wimbish World Language Academy, or any of Arlington ISD's specialized programs, go to www.aisd.net/specializedprograms or email specialprograms@aisd.net.