

Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion Elementary School

2018-19 Kindergarten Enrollment



What is Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion?

Spanish Immersion is an educational model where students learn to speak Spanish as a second language during their elementary experience. Students who are non-Spanish speakers at home learn the district's elementary curriculum and the Spanish language by being immersed in the language at school. The immersion program follows the same curriculum as all other District 833 elementary schools and shares the same learning outcomes. The difference is that the classroom instruction for all core academic subjects is delivered in Spanish. The classroom teachers are fluent in Spanish and are licensed elementary teachers. Learning opportunities outside of the regular classroom, such as physical education, media, music, and lunch/recess take place in English.

Where is Nuevas Fronteras Elementary School located?

Nuevas Fronteras Elementary School will have a new home beginning in the fall of 2018. The school will be relocated to the former Oltman Middle School site:

1020 Third Street, St. Paul Park, MN 55071
(651) 425-3800

Which schools are in the District 833 K-12 pathway for immersion?

Students attend Nuevas Fronteras from Kindergarten through fifth grade. Students completing fifth grade at Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion Elementary School will then transition to Woodbury Middle School and Woodbury High School as part of the K-12 pathway for immersion.

Who can apply?

Students who reside within the boundaries of District 833 are given preference for enrollment. If enrollment exceeds the number of spaces available, waiting lists will be established for both in-district and out-of-district families.

How is a student selected for the program?

Enrollment will be determined through a lottery process. This process will occur on February 7, 2018. Families who are selected will be notified by telephone February 8-9. Families not selected by the lottery will be placed on a waiting list and notified by e-mail no later than February 10. Those not selected should plan to attend their home school enrollment night on February 20, 2018.

Students placed on the wait list remain on it, in case of future openings. Openings that occur after the kindergarten year require equivalent Spanish proficiency for the child. For example: a student entering first grade, off the waiting list, will require first grade reading, speaking, and writing skills in Spanish.

What are the class sizes?

Nuevas Fronteras follows the same class size guidelines as other District 833 schools. There are three sections of kindergarten, first grade, second grade, and third grade. There are two sections of fourth grade and fifth grade. Each grade level has approximately 63 students for a total school population around 360 students. The class sizes in the K-12 immersion program are in alignment with the District's parameters approved by the School Board. For the fall of 2018, the district will begin to increase the program size by adding a fourth section of kindergarten.

How do I enroll?

Applications will be available beginning January 2018. Application forms for the 2018-19 school year can be found on our district web site at <http://www.sowashco.org> (under "Parents" and then "Enrolling Students") or will be available at the Nuevas Fronteras Parent Information Night on January 23, 2018.

Applications will be accepted on regular business days between **7:30 AM – 4:00 PM January 24 through February 6, 2018** in one of the following manners:

In Person: District Service Center, 7362 E. Point Douglas Road S., Cottage Grove, MN 55016

Fax: 651-425-6320

Email: dmaki0@sowashco.org

Is transportation provided?

Transportation is provided for students living in District 833 who live outside of the walking distance and more than one mile from Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion Elementary School. Transportation for K-12 Spanish Immersion students is currently provided through 8th grade.

How can I find out more?

Attend the Nuevas Fronteras Elementary School Parent Information Night, located in the Crestview Elementary school building at 7830 80th Street S., Cottage Grove, MN 55016. **The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at 5:30 PM.**

Tour Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion Classrooms on **Thursday, January 25, 2018 between 9:30-11:00 AM.**

Visit the website for a virtual tour at: <http://www.sowashco.org/NFSI>