



# BOND 2014 Dual Language/Fine Arts Academies

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## General Information

- Corey and Roquemore elementaries will be repurposed for elementary dual language/fine arts academies
  - Corey will be phased out for transition to academy; continuing Corey students would benefit from new programs
  - Roquemore will be rezoned with opening of new elementary
- Facility improvements including the addition of science labs, electrical, heating and air conditioning, parking and roof replacements will occur at both campuses
- Campuses would serve approximately 75 percent of the current capacity
- Two unique strands
  - Dual-language program – students receive 50 percent of instruction in English and 50 percent in a foreign language
  - Fine arts – multi-faceted fine arts experience within a comprehensive/rigorous instructional setting
- Some collaboration between the two programs
  - Cultural studies in dual-language program would often be done through music and arts
  - Fine arts students may perform pieces in other languages
- Schools of choice; admission by application
  - Students will enroll at early grade levels, with a grade level added each year
- No transition of students or staff will happen in August 2014
- Planning for programming, transition, facilities and transfers will begin in the fall of 2014 with community input

## Dual Language

- Instruction would be provided in two languages with specific language determined by need with community input
- Correlation between fluency in a second language and
  - Increased cognitive abilities
  - Quicker development of print awareness
  - Increased attention control on cognitive tasks
  - Improved verbal and spatial abilities
  - Improved memory skills
  - Improved reading abilities
  - Enhanced problem-solving ability
  - Improved ability to hypothesize science
  - Increased academic achievement on standardized tests
  - Increased scores on intelligence tests
  - Increased SAT and ACT scores
  - Delayed onset of age-related cognitive losses

## Fine Arts

- All fine arts – music, visual art, drama and dance – for all students in kindergarten through fourth grade
- Beginning in fifth grade, students will choose an art specialty area to include strings, piano, vocal music, drama or dance
- Students of the arts continue to outperform their non-arts peers on the SAT. Reports show that students enrolled in fine arts courses score from 11 to 13 percent higher than students not enrolled in any fine arts courses