

# World Language Academy

At Chestnut Mountain

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# Hall County, Georgia

- 25,000+ students
- Hispanic: 34%
- ELL: 22+%
- Free and reduced: 54%



# Hall County, Georgia

- ELL's can experience academic difficulty in monolingual settings
- English dominant students often lack second language
- Charter school was planned



# Hall County, Georgia

- Change in Education
- Teacher Development Center
- NGCSU partnership



# What is Dual Immersion ?

- English and Spanish-speaking students learn together in Spanish and English
- Mandarin additional language



# Video 1



# Why Spanish?

- Data: only one student fluent in Spanish
- Second language development related to strength of first language
- Provide access to content
- Must maintain and develop home language of all students



# Status of Language

- English is dominant in US society
- Spanish is dominant on campus
- Minimum ½ instruction in Spanish
- Value all languages



# Planning – Key Features

- Community buy-in
- District administrative support
- Collaboration among faculty, staff, and administration



# DLI Program Goals

- Develop fluency and literacy in Spanish and English
- Meet and exceed Georgia and Hall County standards in all academic areas
- Develop appreciation for all cultures to be successful in an international community
- Adult language classes



# Video 2



# Our students will be

- Bilingual
- Bi-literate
- Multicultural
- Prepared for the global market

