Chinese Immersion Programs: How about English?

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We address two questions:

1) Will students fall behind, since English instructional time is used for Chinese instruction?
We address two questions:

2) How does English language instruction in a Chinese immersion environment compare with its counterpart in English-only programs?
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Chinese Immersion school
## Program at a Glance

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<th>Grade Level</th>
<th>Chinese Immersion Details</th>
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<td>K and 1st grade</td>
<td>Full Chinese immersion in core subjects</td>
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<td>2nd grade</td>
<td>Begin formal English instruction</td>
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<td>7 periods per week</td>
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<td>4th - 8th grade</td>
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<td>5th grade and above</td>
<td>Different levels of Chinese and Math classes</td>
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<td>5th grade—70% Chinese : 30% English</td>
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<td>6th and 7th grade—60% Chinese : 40 % English</td>
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<td>8th grade—50% of instructional time in Chinese; 50% of instructional time in English</td>
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Chinese Immersion Programs
How about English?

Additive bilingualism

Subtractive bilingualism

Cummins J. (1994)
English Learning in an Immersion Setting

Is there a difference between a regular English class and an immersion program’s English class?
Immersion Education: Purposes and End Goals

- English
- Chinese
- Academic Content
- Cultural Knowledge

Proficiency
Preparing Parents for English Learning in an Immersion Setting

(1) Research indicates that — during the first few years students’ English learning may be behind that of their monolingual peers; by fifth grade, the immersion students should catch up, or be at a higher proficiency level than their monolingual peers.
MCA Reading Scores in 3rd and 5th Grades

Yinghua Academy

Subject: Reading Grade: 3

2015 - 2017 Student Achievement Level

Exceeds | Meets | Partially Meets | Does Not Meet

2015: [Bar Graph]
2016: [Bar Graph]
2017: [Bar Graph]

Yinghua Academy

Subject: Reading Grade: 5

2015 - 2017 Student Achievement Level

Exceeds | Meets | Partially Meets | Does Not Meet

2015: [Bar Graph]
2016: [Bar Graph]
2017: [Bar Graph]
MCA Reading Scores (YA and State) in 3rd Grade
MCA Reading Scores
All Grades

Yinghua Academy
Test: MCA-III Subject: Reading Grade: All Grades

2015-2017 Student Achievement Level

Exceeds  Meets  Partially Meets  Does Not Meet

Statewide
Test: MCA-III Subject: Reading Grade: All Grades

2015-2017 Student Achievement Level

Exceeds  Meets  Partially Meets  Does Not Meet
Preparing Parents for English Learning in an Immersion Setting

(2) Be patient with children’s progress in learning English.

(3) Provide support at home: Talk and read; be intentional about providing a lot of input.
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(4) Communicate with both English and Chinese teachers to support children’s further development.
Immersion Program

ELA Resources: Assessments

- Assessments that can help you track students’ progress
Immersion Program
ELA Resources: Assessments
Assessments that can help you track students’ progress

• NWEA:MAP tests
• AR and Star Test
• Lexia
# Immersion Program  ELA

Resources: Parents’ Tool Kits

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We wish you a successful year!

Thank you! 谢谢！

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