

Student Class Makeup:

In the Banta Bilingual program, students are taught in both English and Spanish. Every student in the classroom is a model of their native language and a learner of a second language. This student makeup is essential for the design and success of the program.

In addition, students applying for the bilingual program at higher grade levels (2nd - 8th grade) must either have been in a bilingual or dual language immersion program previously in their academic careers OR must demonstrate fluency on a standardized language assessment in Spanish in reading, writing, **and** speaking. Students must have a proficiency level of 5 or higher in the language domains in order to enter the program after 1st grade on the AVANT Stamp assessment. Students will also be entered into the program when coming from a Spanish-speaking country,

For any new student to the Menasha Joint School District (MJSD) online enrollment must be completed at: <https://www.mjkd.k12.wi.us/district/district/enrollment-information/>

**Banta is not a program option for 4 year-old kindergarten.*

Banta Bilingual is open to all MJSD students. Students living outside of the MJSD attendance area may apply; however, students living within MJSD attendance area are given preference into the TWI program.

Children will be accepted into the Bilingual Program in the following order:

1. Incoming Menasha Joint School District Kindergarten students who currently have siblings enrolled in the bilingual program (This preference is only for siblings in the same household in order to keep families together in the same school.)
2. Incoming Menasha Joint School District Kindergarten students who do not have siblings in the bilingual program
3. Students from outside the Menasha Joint School District that currently have siblings enrolled in the bilingual program
4. Students from outside the Menasha Joint School District that do not have siblings in the bilingual program

Parents/guardians are asked to attend a Parent Informational Session. It is very important that parents/guardians understand the goals of the TWI program and understand that by enrolling your child in a bilingual program, you are committing to keeping him/her enrolled (to the best of your ability) through at least 5th grade, minimally, due to the length of time it takes to learn a language.