

Guidelines for Immersion School Profile

American Council on Immersion Education Newsletter

Please use these guidelines as you compose your school profile which should be between 750 and 1500 words. For examples of other school profiles published in the ACIE newsletter, see the ACIE on-line archive at: www.carla.umn.edu/immersion/ACIE/

Macro-level Program Overview (much of this goes in an article sidebar)

School Information

- School name
- Location (city and state)
- Target language(s)
- Type of program: one-way (partial, full); two-way (90:10, 50:50, etc.), early, mid, late, etc.

District Issues

- Location (urban, suburban, rural)
- Size of district and number of immersion programs in district
- Dual track (special program within a school) or immersion center (whole school program)

History

- Year program began & grade levels currently taught
- Program goals
- Have any significant changes occurred since your program's inception?

Admissions process

- Criteria for selecting/accepting students; admissions policies post K-1

Student population

- Size of student body, ethnic background of students, %free/reduced lunch, %English language learner, % Gifted and Talented, % Special Education, average class size

Staff/teacher population

- Size of staff, native language(s) and ethnic background of administration, faculty and staff, teacher-student ratio

Micro-level Program Overview (“meat” of article)

- Program features (e.g., initial literacy instruction in English, in immersion language, in both simultaneously; subjects taught in immersion/non-immersion language)
- Key instructional strategies (grouping, separation of languages, language development strategies, content development strategies, language use expectations)
- Unique curriculum components (integrated theme-based units, teaching of culture)
- Assessment practices (standardized testing, immersion language assessments, use of traditional and alternative assessments, etc.)
- Parent and community involvement
- Media resources (library and technology)

Program Highlights/Summary Statements:

- Key program challenges and areas targeted for future growth
- Key program strengths and areas of successful innovation