



## Rockford Virtual for Spanish Immersion

The purpose of this communication is to provide some information to inform your decision. We understand the difficult decision and the district wants you to feel confident in our desire to align a Spanish experience with the purpose of maintaining your child's Spanish language skills.

With that stated, it will not be possible to replicate the in-person immersion experience through the virtual setting. We do feel that we can provide some Spanish language support throughout the virtual experience.

- Kindergarten - 5th grade will participate in Savvas Virtual Learning curriculum written in English w/ Spanish experiences provided by RPS Staff. This experience is provided via Google Meets with our Spanish Language Paraprofessionals. They meet with grade level groups 4 times a week for 25 - 30 minutes.
- 6th - 9th grade will participate in Apex Virtual Learning curriculum that is written in English and can be translated by the computer into Spanish text. The district will also provide Spanish experiences provided by RPS Staff. This experience includes 2 conversational meetings a week for 45- 60 minutes with a Rockford Spanish Immersion teacher.

Educationally, the best experience for Spanish Immersion students will be to have your child(ren) at school, but we want to be honest with families about the characteristics of virtual programming and support families to the best of our capabilities in these unprecedented times.

### Some final notes:

- Spanish Immersion students that select the virtual experience will continue to be on the roster and not lose their spot if they choose the virtual option.
- Families that select the virtual experience are making a commitment for the entire trimester.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have additional questions, please contact Kathy Walcott at [kwalcott@rockfordschools.org](mailto:kwalcott@rockfordschools.org).

Sincerely,

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