Filipino Biliteracy Bicultural Pathway

San Francisco United School District invites families of incoming Kindergarten students to enroll in the enhanced Filipino Biliteracy Bicultural Pathway that is being offered at Bessie Carmichael School and Longfellow Elementary School.

This pathway provides an exciting opportunity for students to:

- develop a high level of language and literacy in English and Filipino
- gain an appreciation for Filipino and Filipino American culture, history, and the multiple cultures that represent the Philippines

Implementation of this enhanced pathway will begin in kindergarten in 2011-2012 with 60-90 minutes of Filipino language and culture. Each subsequent year an additional grade level will be added to the pathway, until there is full implementation in grades K-5, at which time it will continue through middle school. Students who begin the pathway at kindergarten in 2011-2012 or later will have the opportunity continue in the pathway through grade 8.

Applying for the Filipino Biliteracy Bicultural Pathway

To apply for the Filipino Bilingual Bicultural Pathway, you must complete the application form from the Educational Placement Center, listing the FIL program at either or both schools as a choice.

If you are interested in this pathway and have already received a different assignment, you may submit the Amended Choices Request Form, listing the FIL program as a choice. We recommend that you register at your present assignment, in order to keep that assignment if there is no space in the Filipino pathway. Registering at the present assignment will not influence the ability to get a placement in the Filipino Pathway, if it is available.