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Bilingual Education and English Immersion

Bilingual education involves academic teaching in two languages. It is applied in many parts of the world as a teaching practice. Bilingual teaching is viewed as politically correct as students are able to socialize in their class based on the fact that they have one common native language ("Bilingualism/Bilingual Education - Stages, Definition, Description, Common Problems").

Bilingual education is used in accordance with program models. It has the following models which learners can use. The transitional bilingual education, dual language immersion late exit or development bilingual education while English immersion is a technique for rapidly teaching English to English learners.

The two education systems can be compared as systems used to educate students in different states in the world. A similarity in the two systems is that students will be able to learn and understand the syllabus by the end of the day. Students who learn by the bilingual system of education come closer to narrowing the gap between them and the English proficient students. This is because as they tend to go to higher levels of their education while those doing the Immersion only do well in their early grades. Students who do Bilingual education have more advantages of first language instruction for English learners as they tend to acquire English proficiency faster than those who do English Immersion. On average it takes them four to seven

years to become proficient in academic English. English immersion is seen as a method mastery of English as they tend to master their first language as they learn the secondary language.

Bilingual education enables students to learn fundamental core subjects in their mother tongue but at the same time, they also get the chance to learn English. It also provides students with a better dual literacy in addition to bilingualism while English Immersion only allows the student to have single literacy as their literacy level will only be English. English immersion is majorly used in the USA as it is the system of education that is accepted by most of the states. Bilingual is also used but it is not so popular.

Bilingual education leads to social segregation as students may be speaking different languages but learn English as a common subject. In that before they learn English they can be anti-social and isolate themselves. It also has the disadvantage of being very expensive. English immersion does not allow for this as all students will learn a common language (ENGLISH) thus promoting social integration and it is cheaper as compared to Bilingual education. English Immersion allows the student to learn from all aspects of learning as they are able to learn through observation and body language. Even though bilingual students can learn through observation it will be tedious as they will have to observe both the first and second languages.

Finally, English Immersion can make students who don't understand English fail in Exams and in English exercises while Bilingual education will help them fail only in the English subject but also pass the other core subjects which are examined in their first language.

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