

B E C O M I N G bilingual

Learning a second language is a lot of fun at Crossing Borders Language Center, where people from all over the greater Houston area are quickly mastering new languages. The cornerstone of learning, at its heart, language is simply communicating, and connecting with one another. It's what sets us apart from all other species on earth. With the ease of reaching across borders made possible through the Internet, the world is becoming smaller every day. Not surprisingly, understanding other cultures is becoming increasingly important. As citizens of the world, being bilingual has moved from being optional to essential.

Founded by Elvia Taylor in 2001, Crossing Borders was initially created to teach English and Spanish to adults. Her vision began with a love for languages and culture along with the recognition of the ever increasing need to advance bilingual abilities. She soon realized the need for linguistic and cultural education went far beyond basic studies. She staffed Crossing Borders with teachers who shared a love for dance, culture, diversity, travel, and communicating with people in their native tongue. It

turned out to be a great combination. Sharing this passion with adults may have been the first step but it quickly evolved to include kids. Today Crossing Borders offers language immersion programs for kids, custom-tailored instruction to adults and children in group and private settings, enrichment programs in schools, centers, and even corporate language classes for small businesses and Fortune 500 companies.

Children have an amazing ability to learn. Their brains are wired to learn new things more quickly than adults. This is especially true when it comes to language. By the time they are six months old; most children have developed a basic understanding of their native language. Common sense tells us that if a child's mind is able to learn one language at a young age, it also has the capacity to learn multiple languages simultaneously. In fact, learning a second language is easier for children who begin early and they are more apt to master it faster. This is apparent as language courses traditionally offered primarily in high school are becoming more common in elementary schools. Learning a second language is and will continue to become increasingly important in our connected world. That's why Crossing Borders Language Center offers specific programs for everyone from six month old infants on



At the nearest location in The Woodlands, Spring area; Crossing Borders uses proven techniques that get results. In addition to learning a second or even third language, students also learn about different cultures through a variety of activities that provide encouragement while building confidence. It doesn't take long for repetition to grow into understanding and fluency. As they progress, little ones are quickly singing, dancing, talking, and playing with each other while communicating in Spanish, French, English, and Mandarin.

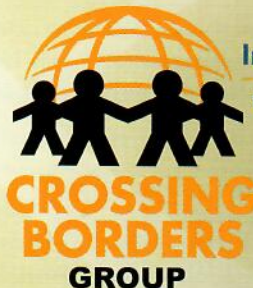
Houston is home to a lot of people variety from different countries. To many of these, English is a second language. This is especially true in the Hispanic community. According to US News & World Report, of the 219 million residents, Houston has 902 thousand Hispanics or 41.4% and ranks third for cities with the most Hispanics. Kids who are able to converse in Spanish as well as English are better prepared to succeed in the global marketplace. Crossing Borders use a holistic approach in creating and delivering tailored language programs, family cultural exchange programs, and expat packages.

Bringing the World to You at many locations across Houston, Spring, and San Antonio, Texas.

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