Record Nr. UNINA9910791863103321 Autore **Donato Richard** Titolo ATale of Two Schools: Developing Sustainable Early Foreign Language Programs / / Richard Donato, G. Richard Tucker Pubbl/distr/stampa Blue Ridge Summit, PA:,: Multilingual Matters,, [2010] ©2010 **ISBN** 1-283-14759-9 9786613147592 1-84769-311-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (189 p.) Collana New Perspectives on Language and Education 372.65 Disciplina Soggetti Children -- Language Language acquisition Language and languages -- Programmed instruction Language and languages -- Study and teaching Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Frontmatter -- Contents -- 1. Introduction: A Tale of Two Schools -- 2. Nota di contenuto Program Development and Implementation -- 3. A Comprehensive Model of Program Evaluation -- 4. Documenting Student Language Achievement -- 5. Documenting Language Program Development: The Views of Parents, Children and their Teachers. -- 6. The Sustainability of Early Language Learning Programs -- 7. Emergent Themes of Successful Programs -- 8. Summary and Conclusions -- Appendix A. Modified ACTFL Rubric for the Presentational Mode of Communication of Intermediate Level Learners -- References -- Index Sommario/riassunto This volume documents a sixteen-year longitudinal study of two elementary schools in which Spanish and Japanese foreign language programs were implemented and evaluated. Evaluation of the programs involved documenting children's language development, assessing the attitudes of various constituents, and examining critical issues related to the introduction and successful operation of a well articulated sequential foreign language program in schools. The volume concludes with a discussion of possible reasons why over time certain sequential

foreign language programs flourish and grow while other programs are reduced or eliminated from the school's curriculum. Parallels with the theory and practice of environmental sustainable development are used as a framework for this analysis.