

Tukwila Multilingual Student Programming: Quick Reference Guide

Programs	World Languages	World Language Credit Testing	Seal of Biliteracy / Global Biliteracy	After School Home Language Clubs
What?	<p>The World Languages Program consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • year-long high school courses in Spanish or French • middle school courses in Spanish 	<p>World Language Credit Testing is a 2-3 hour assessment that provides an opportunity for MLL students to earn up to 4 credits by demonstrating competency in a language other than English.</p> <p>The assessment measures writing, reading, speaking, and listening competency depending on the language.</p>	<p>The Seal of Biliteracy is an assessment that students take before graduation. It provides formal recognition of proficiency in at least two languages on their transcript.</p>	<p>After school language clubs in various home languages may exist at your student's school.</p>
Who?	High school and middle school students	All multilingual students in 8th grade and up are eligible to take the assessment	High School Seniors earn it when they graduate.	Upper elementary and secondary students.
Why?	All four year universities want to see three years of a world language on a student's transcript.	Students earn middle and high school credit with or without being in a world language classroom.	The seal provides formal state and global validation of being multilingual.	Tukwila school district wants to make room for students to practice and celebrate their home languages. After school programs provide informal learning opportunities.
When?	<p>High school offers courses every year across all four grade levels.</p> <p>Middle school offers elective courses on a quarterly basis</p>	Students can take the assessment once a year.	Seniors who passed the assessment are given the seal at graduation.	After school
Where?	Showalter Middle School Foster High School	Online - but hosted at a school site	Happens as part of high school matriculation	Various schools
How?	Students register for courses via the normal registration processes.	<p>The district proctors the assessment.</p> <p>Contact your school's counselor to set up a day and time.</p>	Schools protocol the test. Passing the assessment leads to the seal being placed on a student's transcript. Students need to pass the assessment and receive a passing grade in all our World Language coursework.	Reach out to family liaison for more information or to help start a club.

Coming in the Fall 2022

Two new programs will be introduced to the district starting in Fall 2022. They are AP Spanish and the Dual Language Program. These two programs will provide students, and students coming from homes in which English is their first language, with pathways to greater academic success, identity development, and cultural competency. The two programs are outlined and compared in the below table.

Programs	Heritage Spanish Class to AP Spanish Pathway	Dual Language Program
What?	Accelerated path to earning high school and college credit for Spanish home-language speakers.	Dual language programs engage students in classroom instruction in core subject areas. In kindergarten and Grade 1, 90% of the core classes will be taught in Spanish and 10% in English. And as grades are added, the instruction will be 50% Spanish and 50% English.
Who?	The program is currently proposed for 8th grade students and above.	Kindergarten and first grade students can enroll in the program in the Fall of 2022. In 2023-24, the program is planning on expanding to Grade 2, and in 2024-25, it will expand to Grade 3. Each year a new grade will be added.
Why?	The AP Spanish program will increase access to advanced placement for Latinx students and validates their identity in relation to academics and learning.	Research overwhelmingly illustrates that dual language programs that begin with young children lead to academic gains that out-pace monolingual English programming after three years. Dual language programs also bolster the identities of children of non English speaking students, as well as increases the cultural competencies of students who participate.
When?	Starting Fall of 2022	Starting Fall 2022
Where?	TBA	TBA
How?	TBA	Apply to enroll your child by filling out an application on the Dual Language Program webpage. [Put in link].