



Innovate, Collaborate, Educate: Learning Beyond the Classroom for Future-Ready Families

Thursday, October 24 | 6-7:30 pm



FEDERAL WAY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS





Language Access

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**FEDERAL WAY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Alignment to Strategic Plan

21,000+ STUDENTS

107 LANGUAGES

NEARLY 3,000 STAFF

35 SQ MI AREA SERVICED

37 SCHOOLS

EACH SCHOLAR: A VOICE. A DREAM. A BRIGHT FUTURE.

FEDERAL WAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STRATEGIC PLAN, 2021-2025

OUR CORE BELIEFS

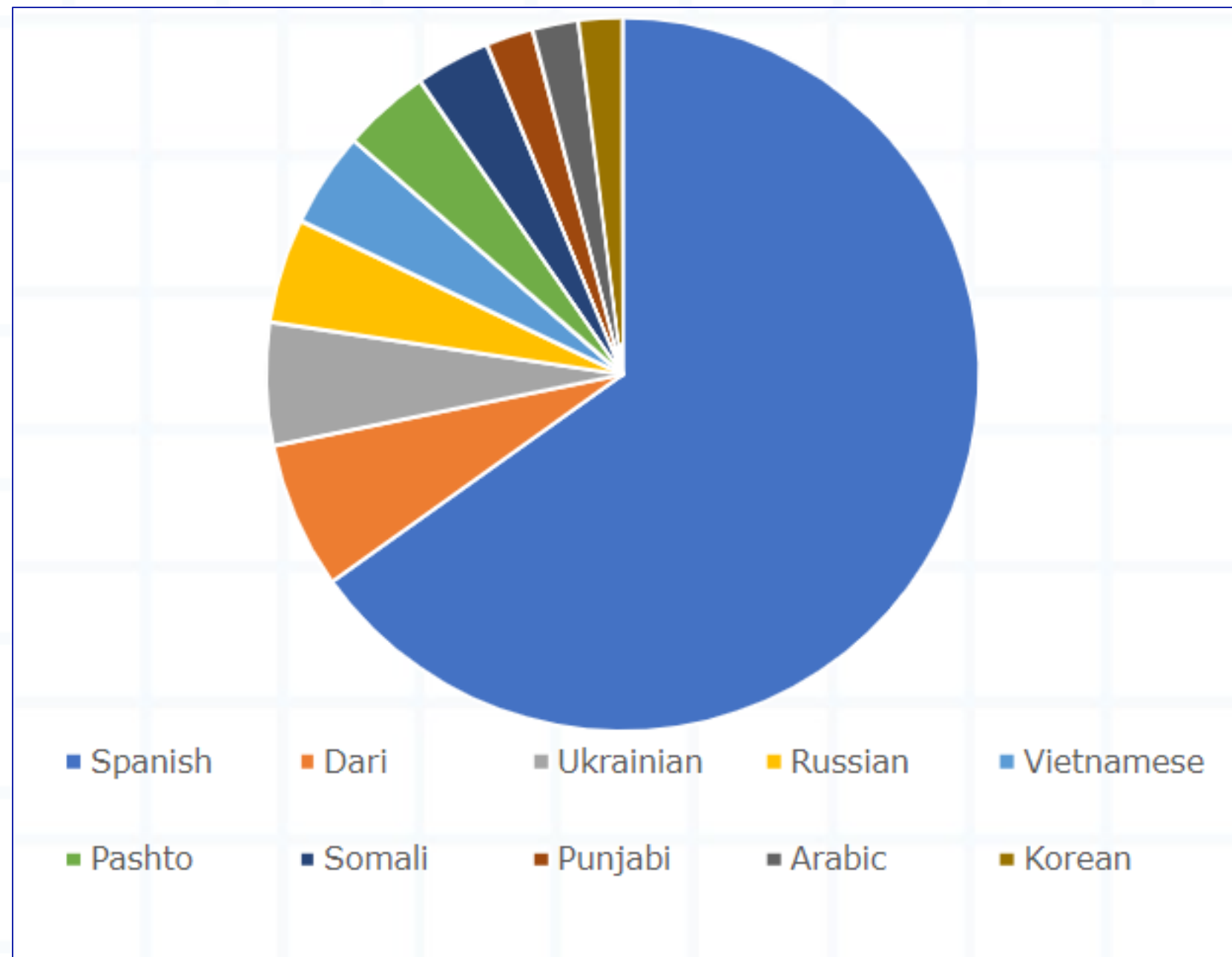
- We believe that race, socioeconomic, *language*, cultural background, and other exceptionalities should not be predictors of student achievements .
- We believe that our families are critical partners in each child's learning.

<p>1</p> <p>STANDARDS-ALIGNED CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE TEACHING & LEARNING</p> <p>Our first Pillar is about TEACHING & LEARNING, the most important function of our organization. We will ensure that all scholars have access to challenging, on-standard curriculum, and that instructional strategies are differentiated to meet the individualized learning needs of each scholar. Our instructional practices will reflect our scholars' prior knowledge and cultural and linguistic backgrounds.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>SAFE CLIMATE AND STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY</p> <p>Our second Pillar recognizes that "SCHOOLS CAN'T DO IT ALONE." Therefore, we will embrace parents, caregivers, and the entire Federal Way community as vital partners in the education of all our scholars. We will nurture trust and mutual respect among home-school-community through shared responsibility for student success, proactive communication, and meaningful stakeholder voice.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>EFFECTIVE, CARING, CULTURALLY COMPETENT TEACHERS, LEADERS & STAFF</p> <p>Our third Pillar focuses on INVESTING IN PEOPLE. It emphasizes the importance of attracting, developing, and retaining talented and committed staff in every part of our school system, so that Federal Way Public Schools is the place where great talent chooses to work. We will establish clear standards of professional practice and accountability, and we will provide opportunities for differentiated continuous learning for teachers, leaders, and staff.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>DATA-INFORMED CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT</p> <p>Our fourth Pillar is about "MANAGING THE WHOLE" in ways that foster alignment, disciplined implementation, and a focus on our mission at every level. We will make decisions based on fact, not opinion. Furthermore, we will use frequent and timely assessments to adjust teaching, learning, and leadership, and we will promote continuous improvement as an ethic throughout our school system.</p>
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FWPS Scholars from Around the World



Who Are We?



FWPS Top 10 Languages out of 115

- Spanish
- Dari
- Ukrainian
- Russian
- Vietnamese
- Pashto
- Somali
- Punjabi
- Arabic
- Korean



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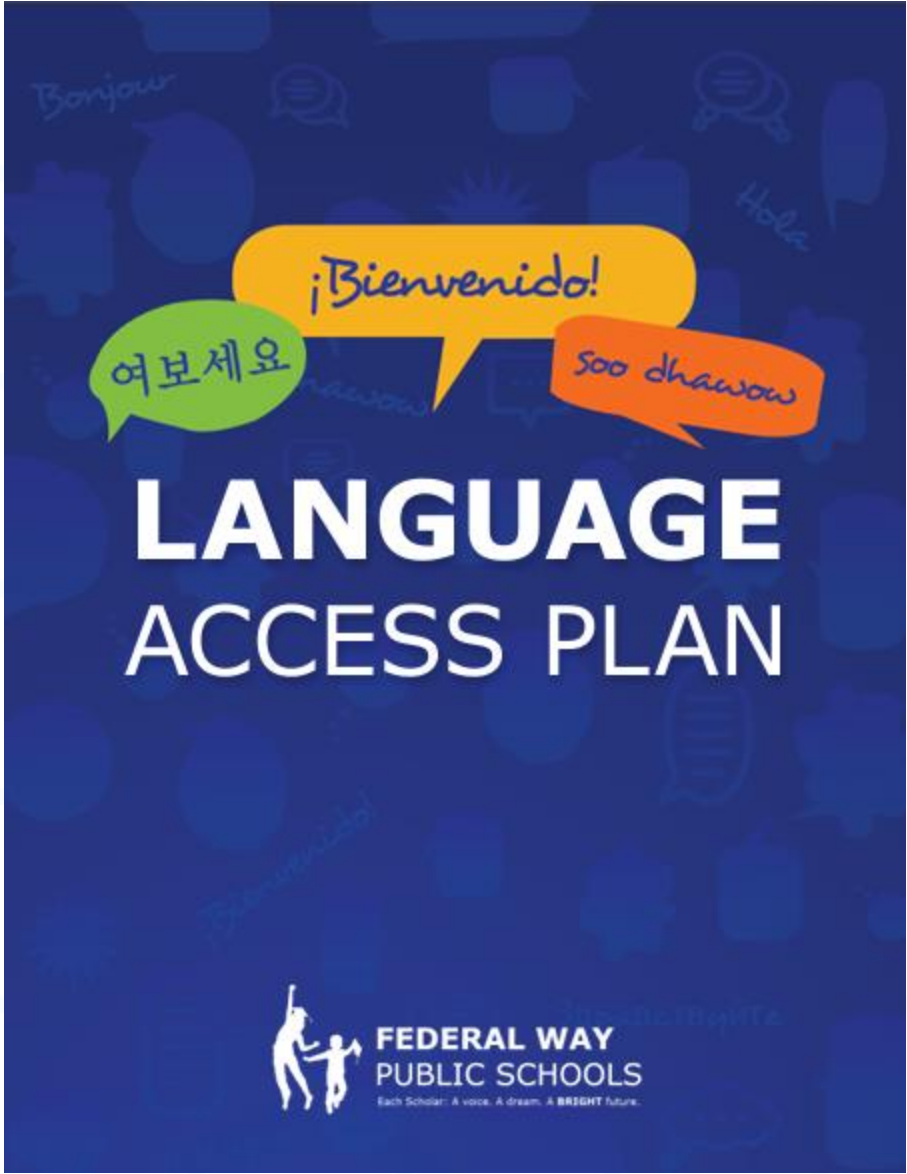
In-District Interpreters

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ILA Devices

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Purpose of Language Access

Definitions

Language Services

Roles and Responsibilities

Contacts

Resources




FWPS Language Hotline for Families
The district maintains voicemail lines in the top seven languages spoken by families. The voicemail lines are monitored daily.

FWPS Language Hotline:
253-945-2198

Communication for families needing information in a language other than the identified top seven is provided upon request at the building level.

Language services can be accessed in a variety of ways:


- By calling or emailing the school, teacher, school leader or district office
- Through district mailings, Synergy email, Remind, notices and the district website
- Leaving a voicemail message on the district’s designated language hotline
- Through the use of the language services provider that offers live interpreter services
- Questions regarding access should be sent to the office of multilingual services via phone or email.



Language Access Tools

In-District Interpreters

Become a FWPS interpreter to support our multilingual families!




Current FWPS Employees

- Contact Kevin Calixto at ML Services
Phone: 253.945.2140
Email: kcalixto@fwps.org
- Kevin will verify your information and schedule a language proficiency assessment for you.
- After passing the assessment, you will be placed on our list of approved interpreters/translators.

Share this flyer with a friend!

Non-FWPS Employees

- Apply for the "Guest Interpreter" position on the FWPS site (QR Code and URL below)
- After screening by Human Resources, ML Services will contact you and schedule a language proficiency assessment.
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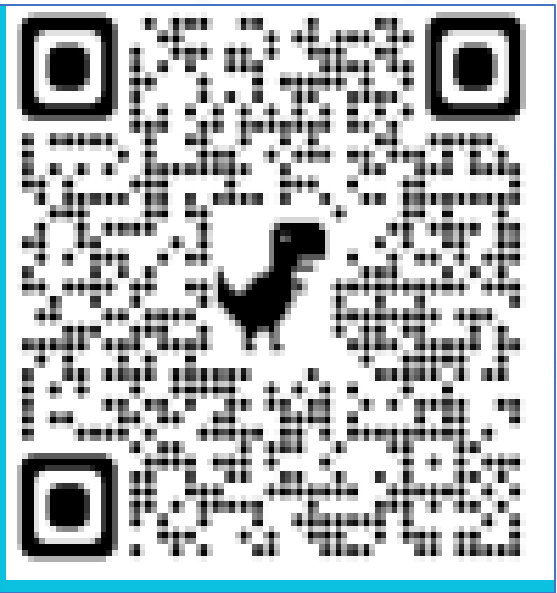


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Examples of Roles:

Present at in-person conferences

Present at FWPS family events



Please consider applying to be an in-district interpreter

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LANGUAGE LINK



Added layer of language support

240+ languages supported

Over the phone translation can be provided at the front desk of your scholar's building.

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ILA Devices

One available at every building

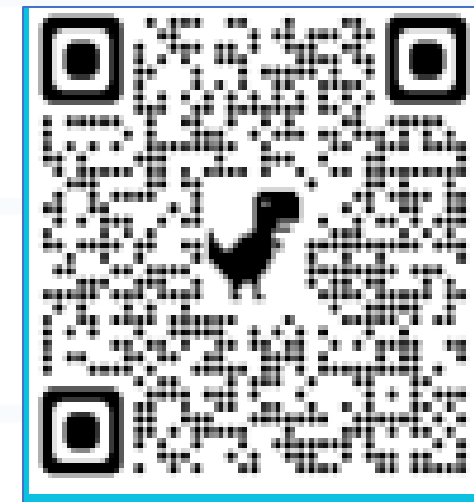
200+ languages and dialects supported

Not intended to replace human interpretation

For in moment use not for SLCs



Be sure to ask your building for their ILA's Room QR Code, to communicate remotely.



ILA
THE INSTANT LANGUAGE ASSISTANT
FOR 120 LANGUAGES & DIALECTS

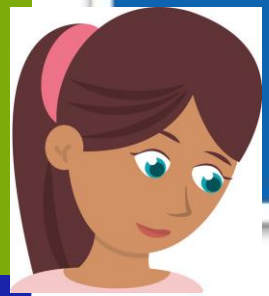
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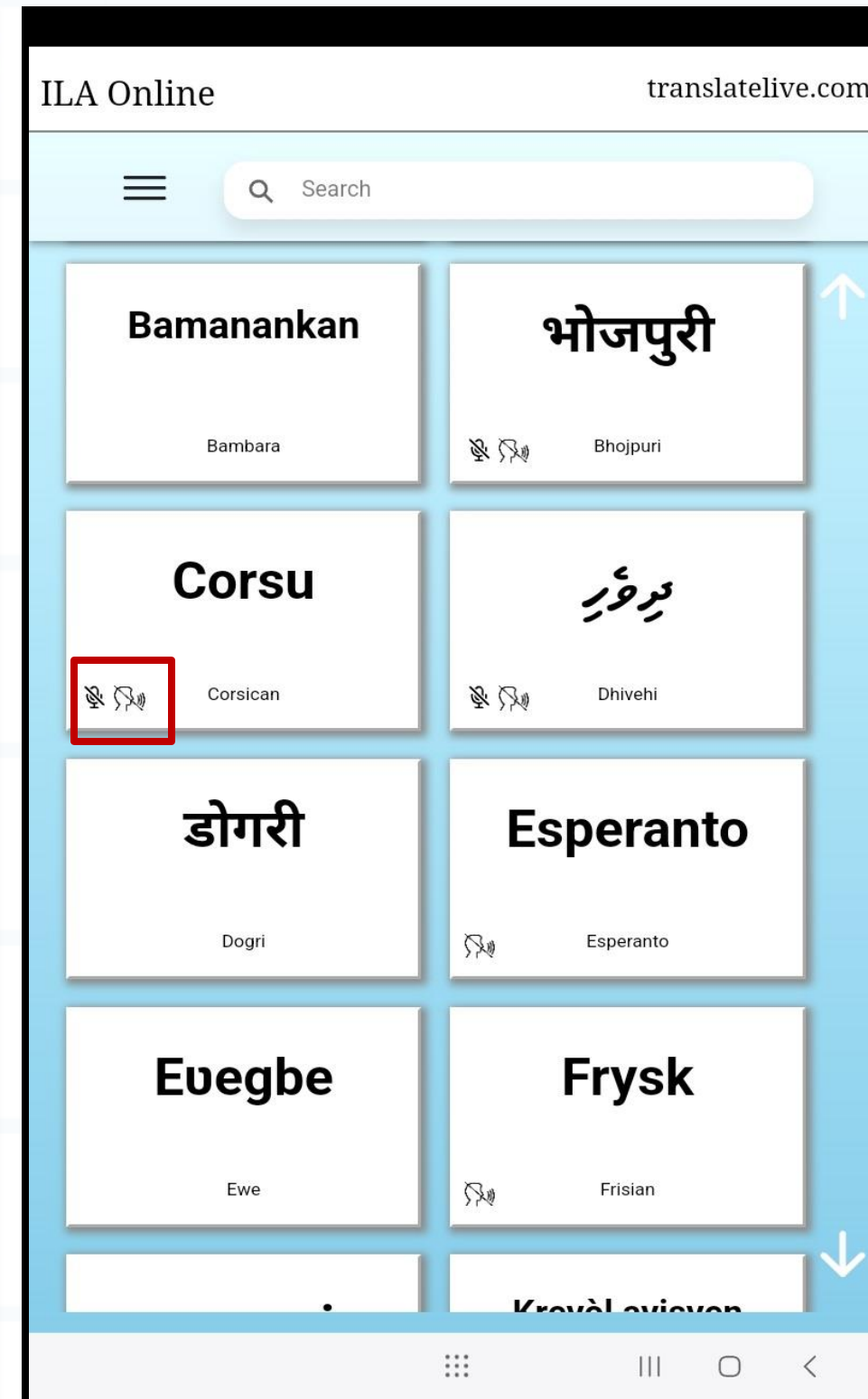
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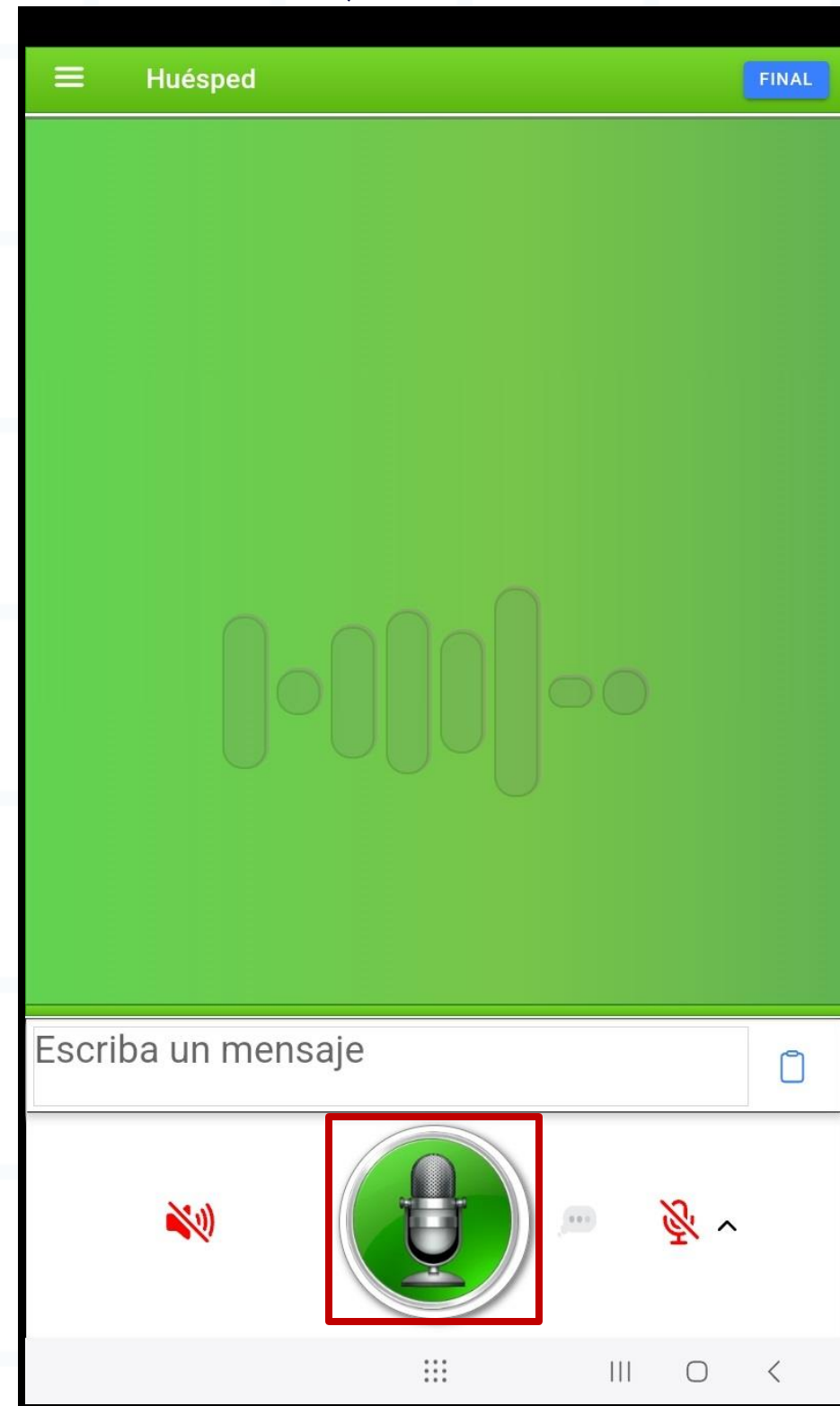
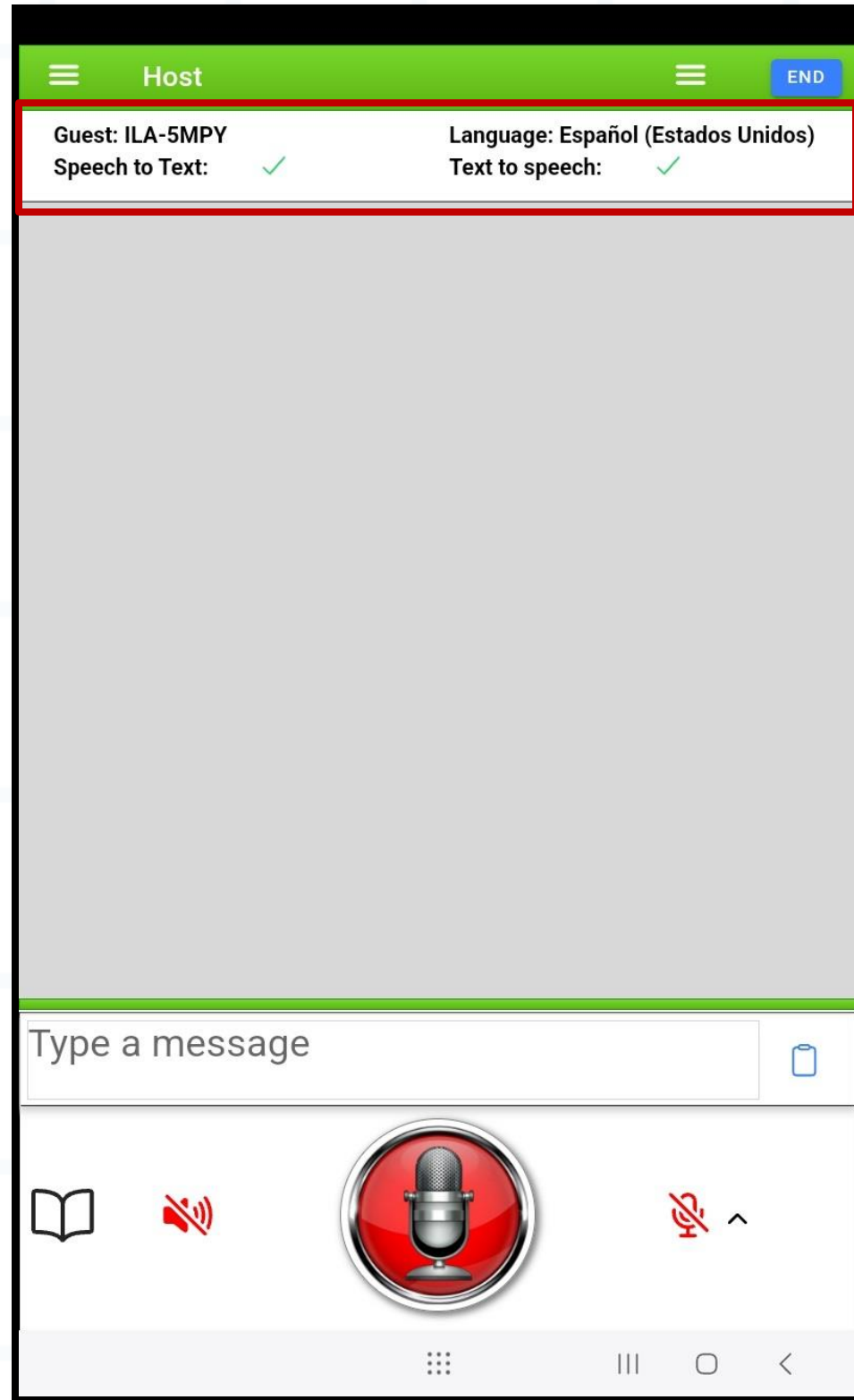
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Student Led Conferences (SLC) Reminder

SLCs

- SLCs allow for scholars to be able to summarize their strengths and next-steps for learning.

ParentVUE/ StudentVUE

- ParentVUE/StudentVUE is a central hub where families and scholars can routinely visit to find a wide array of great information regarding your scholar's academics and more:
- Scholar's class schedule
- View current grades
- Transcripts

Scheduling your Scholar-Led Conferences in ParentVUE:

- Handout

Requesting an Interpreter for Scholar-Led Conferences:

- School can arrange for interpreter to be present at SLC
- ***You have a right to interpretations services during SLCs. Make sure you let your child's school know that you want / need an interpreter.***

Additional SLC Tools:

- FWPS Learning Partnership Guides





Questions?



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Contact info
Email: kcalixto@fwps.org
Phone: 253-945-2140

Breakout 2 Workshops:

Solving Together: Building Mathematical Thinkers at Home

Room K102

How to Use Tech and Media to Build Life Skills in Young Minds

Room K106

Guiding Your Scholar to Success: Making the Most of SLCs

Room K107

IEP Essentials: Navigating Special Education for Your
Scholar's Success | Room K103

Feedback Survey

Please help us improve by sharing your feedback about today's event through a 3-minute survey:

Scan QR Code:



Or, Visit: www.fwps.org/FamilyAcademySurvey