

Understanding U.S. School Systems

12.2.2024

5:30-6:00

FOR OUR FUTURE WORLD
Bellevue School District Strategic Plan



School Structure

Elementary	Secondary Middle	Secondary High
Kindergarten (KG) - 5th Grade	6th-8th Grade	9th-12th Grade

No Testing to Enter Secondary



Elementary

- 1 homeroom/classroom teacher
 - Content/Subject:
 - English Language Arts
 - Math
 - Science
 - Social Studies
 - Social Emotional Learning
 - Specialists: Art, Physical Education (P.E.), Music, Library
 - *Computer Science
 - *Language
- Standardized Curriculum
 - Common Core, ACTFL
 - Across District

Thursday	
8:05 – 8:35am	SEL
8:40 – 9:20	Library
9:25 – 9:55	Math Workshop
9:55 – 10:05	Snack
10:05 -10:20am	Recess
10:20 – 11:20	Math
11:20 – 12:10	Literacy Block 1
12:10 – 12:55	Recess/Lunch
12:55 -1:40	Literacy Block 2
1:40 – 2:25	Science / SS
2:25 – 2:35pm	Clean Up
2:35pm	Dismissal

Sample Schedule



Secondary

- High School Graduation Requirements (BSD)
 - Grade Point Average (GPA): minimum cumulative 2.0
 - 24 total credits + graduation pathway that prepares students for their future studies and/or career
 - 40 hours of community service
- Each Year of High School counts for 1.0 credit.
- Different Subjects have different requirements.

SUBJECT	SEMESTERS	CREDITS
English	8	4.0
Mathematics	6	3.0
Social Studies	7	3.5
Science *	6	3.0
Career & Technical Education	2	1.0
Fine Arts (Drama, Music, Visual Art) **	4	2.0
Health	1	0.5
Physical Education	3	1.5
World Language ***	4	2.0
Electives	7	3.5
TOTAL	48	24

Supports and Services

- Counseling
- Athletics and Activities (sports, clubs, field trips)
- Before and After School Care
- Multilingual Learners
- Title I (closing educational achievement gaps)
- Learning Assistance Programs (math, ELA, and graduation readiness)
- Special Education
- Family Resources
- Nutrition Services
- Language Access
- Transportation (School Bus)

For more information visit: <https://www.bsd405.org/programs-and-services>



Calendar

- Hours of school vary and are dependent on school
- School Year Starts in September
- School Year Ends in June
- Holidays (Labor day, Veterans day, MLK day, President's day, Memorial day, Juneteenth)
- Breaks:
 - Thanksgiving
 - Winter-break
 - Mid-winter break
 - Spring break
 - Summer

Calendar: <https://www.bsd405.org/about-us/calendar>



Questions?



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Elementary Japanese Language Program 2025-2026

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Agenda

- BSD's Multilingualism for All Initiative
- Review of the Community Listening Session 10/30/24
- Family Voices
- 2025-2026 Japanese Program Offering
- Enrollment
- Questions/Feedback



Mission & Vision

ベルビュー学区のビジョンは、生徒一人ひとりが将来の世界を創造する者として学び、成長することを認め、鼓舞することです。

The vision of the Bellevue School District is to affirm and inspire each and every student to learn and thrive as creators of their future world.

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To affirm and inspire each and every student to learn and thrive as creators of their future world while celebrating their cultural, racial, and linguistic identities.





Arabic Program @ Ardmore



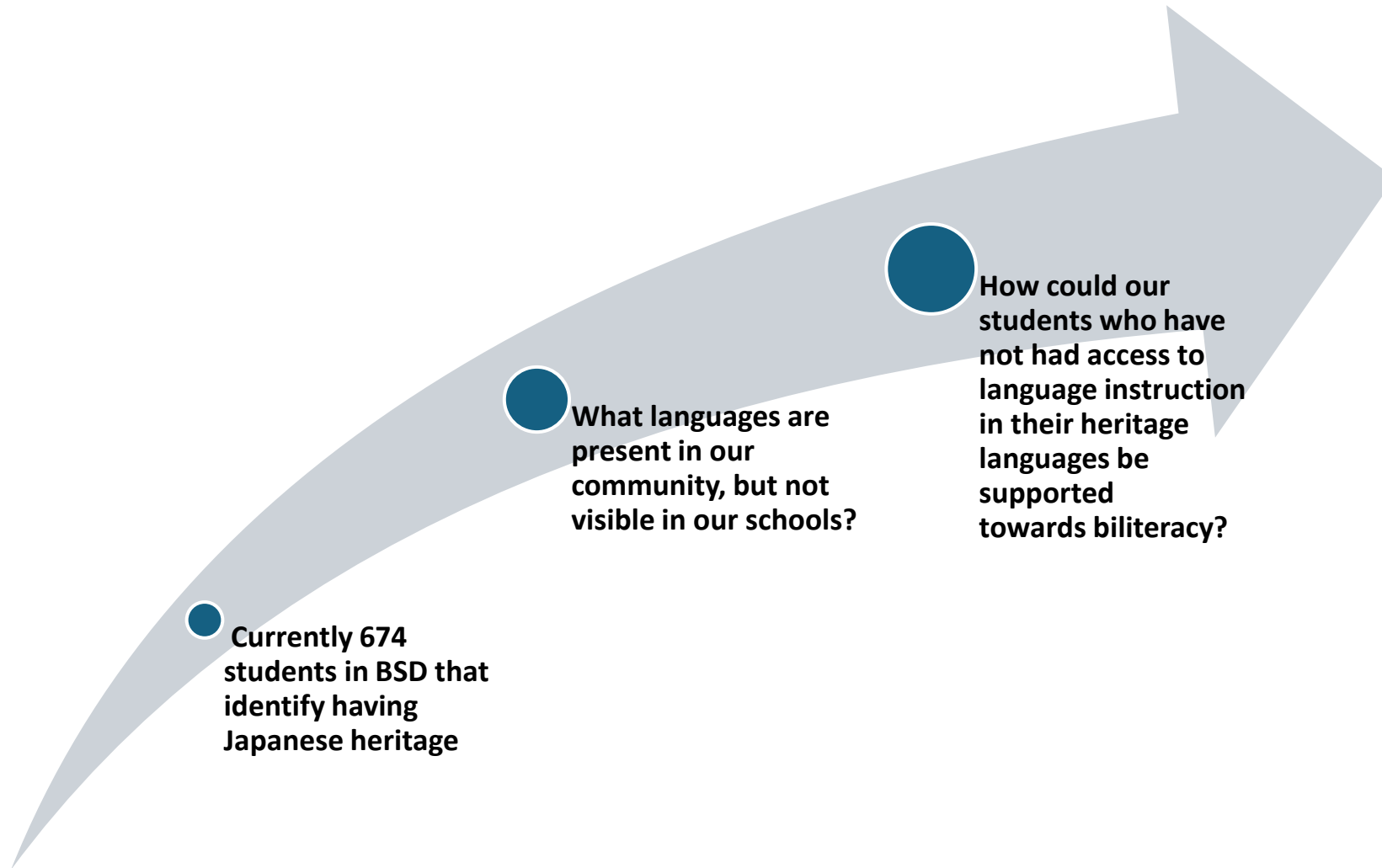
Korean Program @ Newport Heights



Hindi Program @ Ardmore



BSD-Demographic Data-Japanese



Community Listening Session 10.30.24

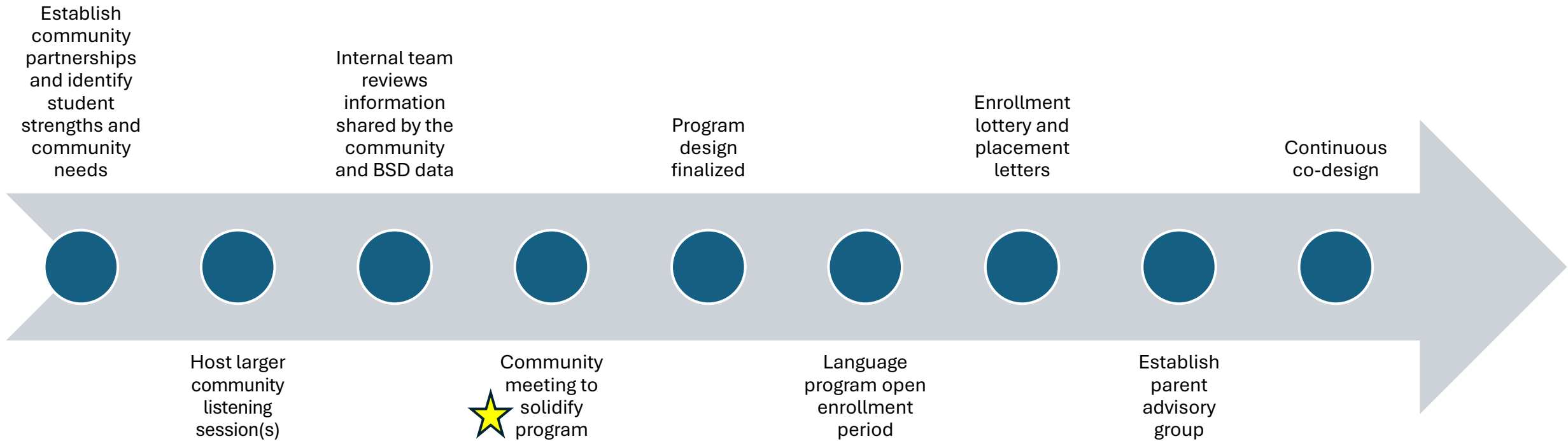


- Over 175 parents participated
- Started with storytelling and personal connections
- BSD Vision and Mission
 - Multilingualism for All Initiative
 - Purpose and Why
 - Community Dialogue
 - Project Timeline & FAQ





BSD Language Program Design Process



Family Voices

- Hopes & Dreams
 - Cultural identity and pride
- Language Use
 - Language fluency and Japanese cultural knowledge
- Barriers
 - Access and capacity

- **104 Survey respondents**
 - 46 in BSD
 - 58 out of district
 - Current K: 27
 - Current Pre-K: 35



Program Design Implications & Recommendation

- Strong preference for a high percentage of instruction in Japanese
- Incorporate Japanese cultural practices and traditions (small cs)
- Accommodate both proficient heritage speakers and students with little to no prior language experience
- Ensure clear communication for out-of-district students are welcome
- Outline the program after elementary



Launching in 2025-2026!

- Dual Language Immersion Program
 - Model: 50/50
 - Subject/content: to be determined with stakeholders
 - Math, science, social studies
- Bennett Elementary School
 - Principal: Jessica Strazzulla
- Open for
 - Kindergarten
 - 1st grade, dependent on application and enrollment
- Continue DL in middle and high

Grade	Japanese	English
K-5	• Japanese Language Arts (New) • Social Emotional Learning *Additional Content Area	• English Language Arts • Specialists *Additional Content Area



Enrollment

- Open to ALL students
 - heritage and non-heritage students
 - in-district and out-of-district
- Language Program Application Window: 12/9/24 - 1/17/25
- Lottery, priority: In-district, neighborhood school, out-of-district
- Offers and waitlist notifications will be emailed the week of February 10th
- Application Link Here: [Apply to Choice Schools and Language Programs - Bellevue School District](#) ***Live on 12/9***



Save the Date

- 12/3 BSD Language Fair @ 5:30-7:30,
Drop in Highland Middle School
- 1/7 Bennett Elementary Open House, TBD

THANKS *for joining us!*

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Questions? Contact:
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