

Benefits of Dual Language (DL) Instruction



Academic Advantages

- Stronger reading comprehension
- Enhanced logical thinking
- Higher performance on tests



Cognitive Abilities

- Improved focus and attention
- Increased mental flexibility
- Strong memory and retention



Sociocultural Skills

- Strong communication skills
- High empathy and compassion
- Expanded and deep world view



Economic Opportunities

- Expanded global career options
- Leadership and collaboration
- Higher earning potential



Contact Us

Sunnycrest Elementary

DL Grades: K-5
Spanish/English

This elementary launched our district's first Dual Language program in 2010, and is our longest running DL program

Phone Number: 253-945-4100

Evergreen Middle

DL Grades: 6-8
Spanish/English

This middle school opened their DL program in 2020, primarily serving students moving up from the Sunnycrest DL program.

Phone Number: (253) 945-5100

Thomas Jefferson High

DL Grades: 9-12
Spanish/English

Heritage Spanish classes began in 2022, and serve as an extension of our DL program to the high school level.

Phone Number: (253) 945-5600

New!

Olympic View K-8

DL Grades: K
Spanish/English
Korean/English

The newest addition to our district's DL programs, this school is launching two new Kindergarten classes with Spanish/English and Korean/English DL in the 2025-26 school year, and they plan to move DL up to higher grade levels each following year.

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Dual Language Programs

Grades K-12

2025-2026



Foundations of our DL Program

The 3 Pillars of Dual Language Education

- 1) Bilingualism and Biliteracy
- 2) High Academic Achievement
- 3) Sociocultural Competence

Vision

Federal Way Public Schools believes that all dual language scholars can achieve their full academic potential by becoming bilingual and biliterate, equipping them to excel in our global society while fostering an exchange in language and culture.

Mission

Our Dual Language Program will empower scholars, families, staff, and the community to see cultural backgrounds and languages as valuable assets, fostering confident, critical thinkers who engage in standards-based learning, embrace cross-cultural perspectives, and actively contribute to their local and global communities.

Goals

Federal Way Dual Language programs will:

- Ensure consistent support and growth in both English and partner languages in listening, reading, speaking, and writing,
- Cultivate strong family and community partnerships,
- Create opportunities to bridge and eliminate disparities in academic performance,
- Utilize data-driven decision-making to support student academic growth and social emotional development,
- Provide access to a broader range of economic opportunities, including careers beyond high school and college.

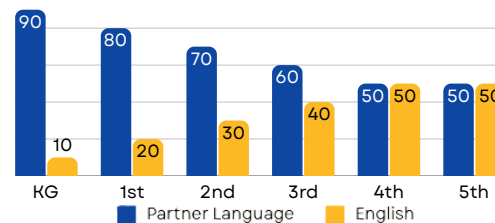
Structures of our DL Program

We currently offer two different partner languages within our Dual Language programs:

Spanish/English & Korean/English

Language Allocation in Elementary

We utilize the 90/10 two-way dual language model with the following allocations:



Classroom Composition

For our classes, we aim to keep an even balance of both languages with approximately half of the scholars speaking the partner language and half who speak English.



Our dual language programs are open to students from across the district and even from other districts through our **Choice Enrollment Application** process.

CHOICE ENROLLMENT

Choice Transfer Request

For more information, visit
www.fwps.org/enrollment/choice-enrollment

Family Support & Involvement

Strong Programs Start with Families!

- **Connect with Other Families:** Share resources, experiences, and support while building a sense of community.
- **Get Involved at School:** Volunteer in the classroom, participate in cultural events or accompany on field trips. Your participation enhances the vibrancy of our program.
- **Partner with Teachers:** Maintain open and ongoing communication with your child's teacher to discuss progress, celebrate successes, and address challenges.

How do I support my child if I don't speak the other language?

- 1) Learn Together:** Ask your child to teach you new words or phrases they have learned.
- 2) Connect with Resources:** Explore online tools or library materials to support their learning.
- 3) Create Language Opportunities:** Encourage books, shows, or music in the other language.
- 4) Encourage them During Challenges:** Remind your child that it is ok to feel stuck sometimes and that hard work leads to success!

