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Language Access Plan



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Purpose

Equitable Access for Every Family

The Language Access Plan details how SoWashCo Schools ensures every family in the district has access to receive information about their student's education, regardless of the language they read or speak.

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Goals

- Increase family participation in education
- Increase number of families feeling welcomed and included in our schools and district
- Create and pilot standard operating procedures throughout the district
- Ensure district employees are aware of language resources and have appropriate training
- Allow for feedback from families and staff on how to improve



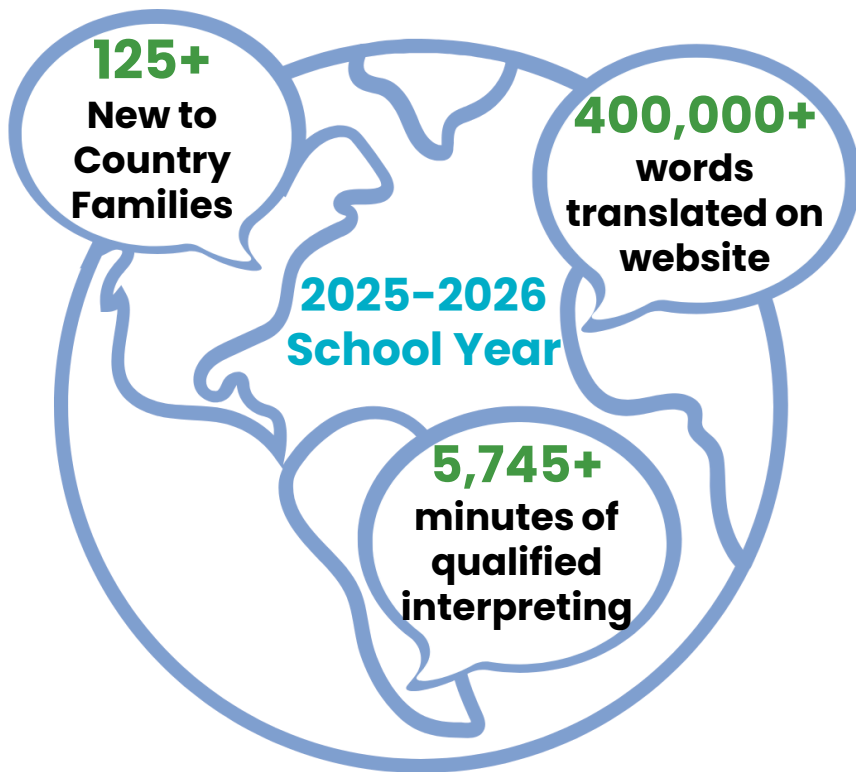
What's Included

OUR PLAN INCLUDES:

- Commitments and Rights
- Definitions
- Language Identification
- Language Services
- Training and Support
- Evaluation and Improvement Opportunities



The Need for a Language Access Plan





PHONE/VIDEO INTERPRETATION

SoWashCo Schools primarily uses Language Line for interpretation services.



STAFF SUPPORT

SoWashCo Schools has a number of multilingual staff who are able to deliver informal interpretation to families.



TRANSLATION SERVICES

SoWashCo Schools uses INGC0, based in Edina, for formal and informal document translation services.



ENHANCED AI TRANSLATIONS

SoWashCo Schools uses Weglot for website translation, Google translate (enhanced) for newsletter, Seesaw and Schoology translations, DeepL Premium for informal communication translations.

Language Access in SoWashCo Schools

Staff Resources and Support

SoWashCo Schools does and will provide language access training opportunities to all staff which includes:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- How to work effectively with interpreters
- Writing in plain language
- Cultural understanding related to delivery of information and services to students receiving English Language services
- Equipment and services available to all staff members to communicate with multilingual families

Positive Impacts



FAMILY PARTICIPATION

Allows families to participate in their student's education.



WELCOMING

Helps families feel welcome, included and valued in our schools and district.



IMPROVED OUTCOMES

Can lead to improved student academic and social outcomes.

thanks!