



DVUSD WORLD LANGUAGES

Opening a World of Opportunities Through Bilingual Education



BENEFITS OF BILINGUALISM

Studies show that bilingual individuals have increased:

- *overall communication and relationship skills
- *cognitive ability
- *executive functioning (focus, planning, multi-tasking)
- *problem-solving skills and creativity
- *memory and attention
- *vocabulary and reading skills

Additional Benefits Include:

- *enriches life experiences
- *provides opportunities
- *deepens understanding of first language
- *delays dementia
- *higher college entrance exam scores
- *bilingual education students outperform peers in reading and math by 4th grade regardless of race or socio-economic status

LANGUAGES IN THE WORK PLACE



Languages provide opportunities to communicate effectively, to negotiate, to engage with people around the world, and to be informed. Languages are needed for:

- *Commerce
- *Science & Technology
- *Health Services
- *Social Services
- *Education
- *International Relations
- *National Security
- *Tourism & Travel
- *Advertising & Marketing
- *Purchasing & Import Export
- *Editing and Publishing
- *Interpreting & Translating
- *Media & Film
- *Non-profit organizations
- *Consulting



LANGUAGES IN THE U.S.

350

Different languages spoken in the U.S.

\$5

Trillion total U.S. trade with foreign countries in 2016

21%

U.S. residents who speak a language other than English—that's 65 million, compared to 66% of Europeans

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One in five U.S. jobs are tied to international trade

15%

Public elementary schools in U.S. offering language education—compared to 50% of private schools

25k

New jobs for language speakers by 2020, plus 30k jobs created by Department of Defense & FBI language experts up by 85%

7%

College students in U.S. enrolled in a language course

40%

Business executives who reported having failed international potential due to language barriers

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