SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE CAMPAIGN

A Community & School Partnership
Celebrating the Power of Bilingualism in Washington State

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WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED

OneAmerica’s work to build a culturally and linguistically responsive school system in partnership with communities

- Speak Your Language campaign & website
- ELL Workgroup
- World Language Credit Program
- Seal of Biliteracy
- Community Language Organizer (CLO) Program
- Dual Language Bill and other advocacy efforts
OUR VISION

Build an education system that reflects the strengths and assets of our diverse communities and eliminates disparities.
ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN

- Advance policies and build systems to embrace, cultivate, and honor bilingualism as a skill and asset.

- Disprove “English-only” myths that discourage parents from speaking their native language with their children.

- Shift school systems from being English-dominant to valuing language and its connection to culture and heritage, and promote positive identity for children in schools.

SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE

Celebrating the Power of Bilingualism
“The truth is, we live in an increasingly global society. Speaking another language at home is going to be a huge asset. Not just to the child, not just to the family, but to our country and to our culture.”
THE FACTS ABOUT WA STATE

- More than 180 languages spoken in WA State
- Some of the most ethnically and linguistically diverse school districts in the country
- 48% growth of young DLLs population from 2000-2017
- Number of students participating in TBIP has increased by 689% from (15,024 to 118,526) in the last 30 years
11.7% of students across WA enrolled in K-12 were English Language Learners

32% of students ages 0-8 in Washington State are Dual Language Learners

Most commonly spoken languages aside (from Spanish) in WA State: Russian, Vietnamese, Somali, Chinese, Arabic, Ukrainian, Tagalog, Korean, Marshallese, Punjabi
Community and School Partnerships
MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT REYKDAL

“I want to thank all the work OneAmerica has done over the years in promoting the concept of dual language, not just for the great economic value and how it lifts up our kids but the full embrace it makes for immigrant families...Together, we are a stronger state when we focus on language and culture.”
ELL WORK GROUP
LOCAL POLICIES THAT ADVANCE HOME LANGUAGE

Highline School District unanimously passed Home Language Campaign Resolution!
IMPORTANT NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR BILINGUALS

Expansion of DL Programs

High school credits toward graduation

Career Opportunities
The Washington State Seal of Biliteracy recognizes public high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more world languages in addition to English. *(RCW 28A.300.575)*

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<td>Proficiency tests aligned to ACTFL levels approved by OSPI*</td>
<td>Rating of Intermediate-Mid or higher, across language skills**</td>
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<td>World Language Competency Credits</td>
<td>Qualifies for 4 credits (Int-Mid)</td>
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<td>Other national or international proficiency tests approved by OSPI*</td>
<td>Rating comparable to Intermediate-Mid on the ACTFL scale across language skills</td>
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*Who would need to do this? - Students who have not had the opportunity for IB, AP or competency-based credit testing. This would include students taking multiple years of high school or online World Language classes.

**Language skills should include speaking, reading and writing, depending on the language.
Year 5 of implementation

- Seals awarded in SY 2018 = 1,998 (7,000+ in past 4 years)
- 59 languages tested in 81 school districts in Washington (doubled from 2 years ago)
World Language Credit (WLC) program is an elective credits program through which students can receive up to four (4) elective credits for fluency in a non-English language.

These credits are used toward graduation and are required by four-year colleges in Washington.
"I feel honored. Because that’s my language. I don’t really use it that often. I just use it at home. At school I’m afraid to use it."

-Youcef Ben | speaks Arabic, French, Berber, English
In 2017, we passed **HB 1445**, to expand funding and capacity for dual language programs in early learning and elementary, middle and high schools.

In 2019, we EXTENDED dual language program grants and capacity in early learning and K-12 to 2021.
HB 1445

Dual Language in Early Learning

House Bill 1445...
Section 5 requires the Department of Early Learning to:

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1. Work with community partners to support outreach and education for parents and families around the benefits of native language development and retention, as well as the benefits of dual language learning.

2. Create training & professional development resources on dual language learning.


4. The Department may adopt rules to implement this section.
New Dual Language Grant Partners, 2017–19

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<td>Quileute Tribal School</td>
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<td>Wa He Lut Indian School</td>
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<td>Chief Kitsap Academy</td>
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<td>Muckelshoot Tribal School</td>
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<td>Bremerton School District (SD)</td>
<td>$16,000</td>
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<td>Redesigned their dual language program to include and prioritize English learners and plan to expand to middle school.</td>
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<td>Franklin Pierce SD</td>
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<td>Evergreen SD (Clark)</td>
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- 55 schools in 24 districts operating DL programs
- DL classrooms all throughout the region
- DL programs include preservation of Tribal language programs
- Need at least 75 bilingual teachers each year to address staffing needs
- OSPI predicts the annual need for bilingual educators could triple in 3–5 years
FREE 12-hour training for licensed in-home child care providers

- Understanding of the importance of culture in the acquisition of language
- The benefits of learning more than one language
- Practices that support language development for all children
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<th>Dual Language Learners (DLL Coaches)</th>
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| • 35 school districts  
• Largest grantee for Head Start and ECEAP  
• Over 34% DLLs  
• Work in collaboration with students, families, community leaders, community-based organizations and school districts | • BIAs are bilingual individuals in the community, current and past parents, students interested in the field of education  
• BIAs provide language and instructional support to DLL children in HS/ECEAP programs | DLL Coaches work in collaboration with an interdisciplinary team to support teachers in making curriculum and instruction comprehensible and accessible to Dual Language Learners through the use of focused observations, trainings and coaching |
COMMUNITY LANGUAGE ORGANIZER PROGRAM
OUR FIRST CLO EVENT

- Over 80 individuals in attendance
- Families learned about the benefits of being bilingual
- Families received resources in their HL
- Families had the option of signing up their children for the DL Spanish-English Kindergarten program in the Kent School District
- In collaboration with School District, PSESD Early Learning programs, One America and Community Language Organizers
CELEBRATING THE POWER OF BILINGUALISM

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING AND ADVOCACY
FOR ENGLISH LEARNER AND MULTILINGUAL STUDENT SUCCESS
IN SOUTH KING COUNTY AND WASHINGTON STATE:
DEMographics, WINS, AND FUTURE POLICY SOLUTIONS

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2019 Advocacy Priorities

For Closing the Opportunity Gap for EL Students
1. Expand dual language programs early learning through K-12
2. Increase community language learning programs
3. Increase language revitalization efforts
4. Build a bilingual workforce
5. Support educators and community leaders to promote "speak" messages
6. Expand the World Language Credit Program and the Seal of Biliteracy
RESOURCES

- Speak Your Language Campaign website: http://speakyourlanguage.org/
- Speak Your Language Campaign Flyers in 24 languages
- Families and Educator Toolkits
QUESTIONS?
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