

DUAL



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

LANGUAGE

The DC Public Schools Dual Language programs open the world to your child. Learn more about our 11 schools with Dual Language programs in English and Spanish!

What does “Dual Language” mean?

A Dual Language program provides students at least 50 percent of their instruction in another language. At DCPS, we currently offer Spanish Dual Language programs at 11 schools. Curriculum is designed so that instruction in Spanish builds upon instruction in English and vice versa. Students who complete our Dual Language programs will be bilingual and biliterate, while also achieving academic success and cultural competency.



Bancroft Elementary Dual Language students

What are the benefits of Dual Language education?

Dual Language students...

- Develop strong reading, writing, and speaking skills in two languages.
- Strengthen cognitive flexibility and problem-solving skills.
- Demonstrate greater understanding, appreciation, and respect for other cultures and languages.
- Often outperform monolingual peers academically.
- Are prepared to be successful in a global economy.



Cleveland Elementary Dual Language students



Powell Elementary Dual Language students