

# 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*


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**Whole-School Models**  
*Whole-School models offer Dual Language programming to all students enrolled.*

 Elementary School Programs

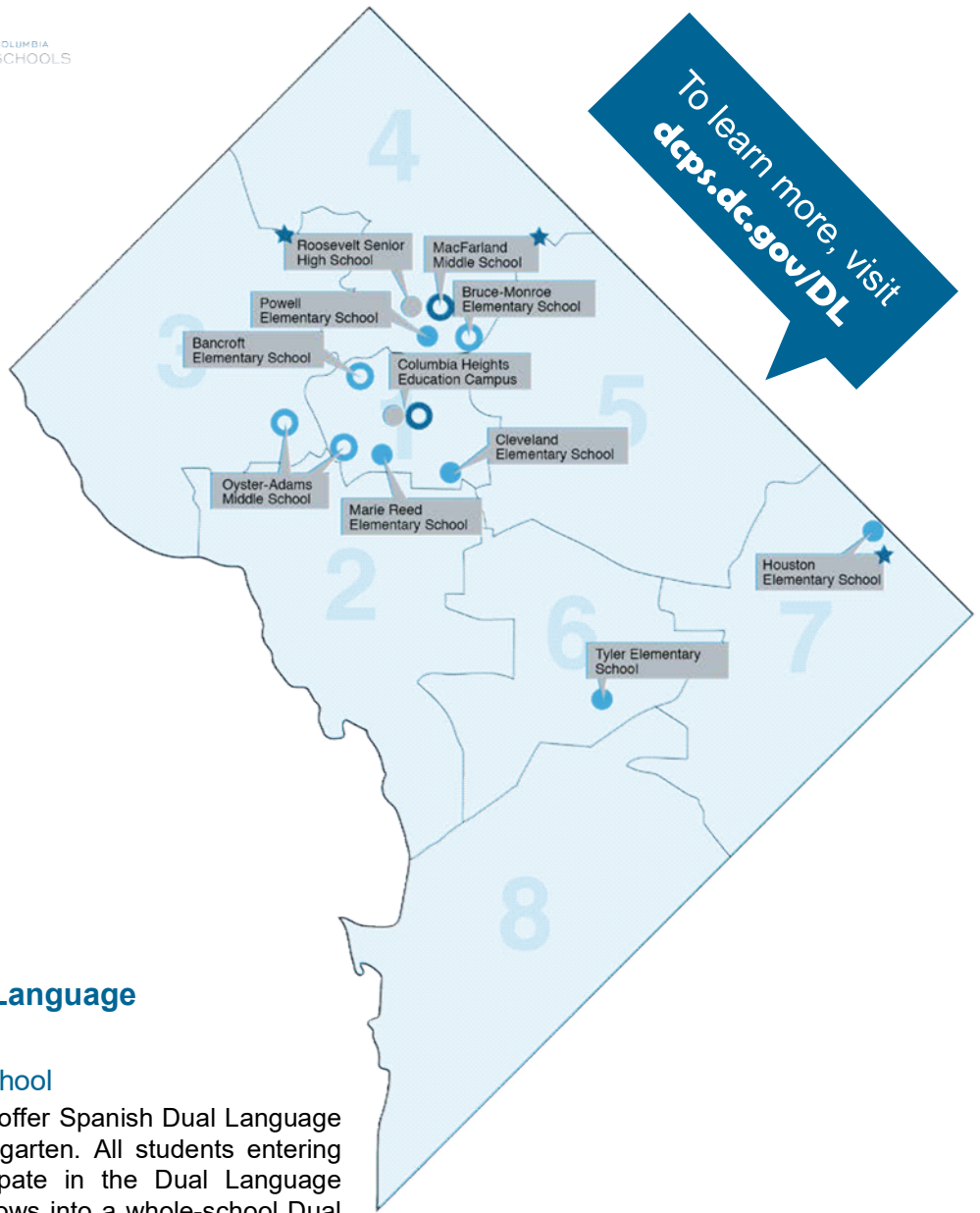
 Middle School Programs

**Strand Models**  
*Strand models are smaller Dual Language programs within a school. Not all students in the school are enrolled in Dual Language programming.*

 Elementary School Programs

 High School Programs

 New Program



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**Spotlight on NEW Dual Language programs in DCPS:**

▶ **Houston Elementary School**

In SY18-19, Houston will offer Spanish Dual Language in PK3, PK4, and Kindergarten. All students entering these grades will participate in the Dual Language program as the school grows into a whole-school Dual Language model.

▶ **MacFarland Middle School**

MacFarland Middle School will offer a strand Dual Language 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade program in SY18-19. All students enrolled in 5<sup>th</sup> grade in DCPS Dual Language programs – specifically, programs at Powell, Bruce-Monroe, Bancroft, Tyler, Cleveland, and Marie Reed – are guaranteed a seat in the new program, but must apply through the MySchoolDC lottery.

▶ **Roosevelt Senior High School**

Roosevelt Senior High School will offer a 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade Dual Language strand program in SY18-19, and will grow through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in SY 19-20. Non- Dual Language programming for grades 9-12 will continue, and the Dual Language program will be an option for students who are proficient in Spanish writing, reading, speaking, and listening. Oyster-Adams 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be guaranteed a seat, but must apply through the MySchoolDC lottery.