

WCDSB Celebrates Multilingualism!

24% of WCDSB students speak a language other than English at home



112 LANGUAGES
158 BIRTH COUNTRIES

Benefits of Being Multilingual



- Strengthens family connections and allows sharing of cultural stories and values
- Boosts children's self-esteem and confidence
- Helps children form a strong sense of identity and belonging
- Improves cognitive abilities and problem-solving skills
- Broadens job and salary opportunities

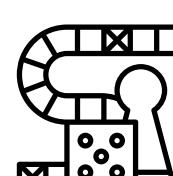
Use Your Home Language Daily:
Speak with your family members during daily activities and in social situations.
Talk about school and what your child is learning.



Embrace Cultural Connections:
Share family stories and traditions.



Create a Language Rich Environment:
Read books, watch videos, and listen to music in your home language.



Make It Fun!
Play language games like, "I Spy", charades, and "Guess Who." Sing songs and recite rhymes.



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