

IT'S TIME TO **SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE!**

Did You Know?



More than **1 in 5 people** speak a language other than English at home – and that number is going up!



Children with strong home language skills **can more easily learn a second language**, such as English.



More than 180 languages are spoken across the state of Washington.

Home Language Matters!

IN CLASSROOMS

Bilingual students are **better at ignoring distractions and paying attention!**

AT HOME

Bilingual students retain **cultural pride and a stronger connection to family and community.**

IN LIFE

Bilinguals are creative and stronger at problem solving, and **bilingual workers benefit from increased opportunities and earnings.**

Take Action - Join Us!

STUDENTS

Earn up to 4 World Language Credits toward high school graduation, and a Seal of Biliteracy for your diploma – just for speaking your home language!

FAMILIES

Encourage your children to **SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE! Talk, sing, or read to them in your home language.** Make sure they keep these language skills, even as they learn English.

EDUCATORS

Improve graduation rates and student outcomes by protecting and encouraging this valuable student language asset.

CELEBRATE THE POWER OF BILINGUALISM

Visit SpeakYourLanguage.org for toolkits, ideas, news and more!

SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE is a public campaign by OneAmerica. We are closing the gap in education opportunity for immigrant students by raising awareness of bilingualism as a student asset, and promoting recognition of this fact through positive community advocacy and policy legislation.

