

## Partnering in your child's education

By being an active partner in your child's education, you will help prepare your child for success in school and life. We hope that you will continue to talk and read with your child in your native language at home. Speaking your language at home will give your child the foundation to learn in school, and young people who graduate speaking two or more languages will have more and better job opportunities after graduation.



### More information

If you need more information about the MLE programs that are available at your school, people in the school office are available to answer your questions.

If you have additional questions or need more information about choosing the right MLE program for your student, call 720-423-2040. Our bilingual staff are available to connect you with answers.

*MLE Parent Options Video:* <https://bit.ly/2BnoCzB>  
*MLE Hotline* [Website](https://www.dpsk12.org/mle)  
**720-423-2040** [mle.dpsk12.org](https://www.dpsk12.org/mle)

English

## DPS MLE PROGRAMS

*For students who are learning English*





# Welcome to DPS !

At DPS, the many diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds that our students bring to the classroom enrich our schools. They are assets that, combined with English language skills, help students achieve success in school and life. Our Multilingual Education—or MLE—programs are specially designed to help your child learn English at the same time they are learning subjects such as reading, math and science.

DPS MLE programs have helped thousands of students succeed in school and graduate ready for college and career - students who stay in a MLE program until they are ready to move to mainstream classrooms have higher graduation rates than students who have never been in a MLE program.

## What are MLE programs?

DPS schools have two main types of MLE programs, bilingual and English as a Second Language. DPS bilingual programs are designed for students whose first language is Spanish, and provide instruction in Spanish and English. The two bilingual programs in DPS are TNLI (Transitional Native Language Instruction) and Dual Language/Immersion.

English as a Second Language programs are recommended for students who speak languages other than Spanish. As a parent, you choose MLE program

services for your child using the Parent Permission Form which will be given to you at registration. If MLE services are not available at your school, your child may attend an MLE Zone school. Your school office can provide more information about MLE Zone schools.

## English as a Second Language

In an English as a Second Language (ESL, also called ELA-E) program, all of your child's classes will be taught in English. Teachers in this program have been specially trained to help students learn English while they learn other subjects such as reading, science and math. Your school may also offer additional support in your language through a native language tutor.

In addition, your child will receive a daily 45 minute period dedicated to building a strong foundation to learn how to speak and write in English, called English Language Development.

**To choose English as a Second Language services, select OPTION 2 on the Parent Permission Form.**