

# SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE!

**Bilingualism is a skill and asset**



## LEARNING MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE IS GOOD FOR YOUR CHILD

- Teaching your home language will help your child develop a deep and lasting connection to their culture
- Children have the unique ability to learn many languages at the same time
- Knowledge of more than one language can boost your child's creative thinking and problem solving skills
- Sharing your home language gives your child the foundation to learn English well in school



## BILINGUAL SKILLS HELP STUDENTS BE COMPETITIVE FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER

- A young person that graduates speaking two or more languages will have more job opportunities
  - In high school, students can earn credits and the Seal of Biliteracy for knowledge of two languages
  - National research has shown that Dual Language Programs have improved academic outcomes for students
- \*ask your school district about dual language programs

## HELP YOUR YOUNG CHILD LEARN THEIR HOME LANGUAGE:

- Talk with your child during daily activities, like washing the dishes, grocery shopping, driving, or walking around
- Sing to your child and tell your child stories in your home language
- Read to your child, ask your librarian if they have books in your home language
- Speak to your child in your home language throughout their life to help them retain their multilingual skills

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/ce/documents/dllresearchpapers.pdf> ;

<http://www.earlyedgecalifornia.org/our-issues/dll/> ; <http://fcd-us.org/sites/default/files/Challenging%20Common%20Myths%20Update.pdf>

Watch this video (available in many languages): <https://www.weareoneamerica.org/world-language-credit-translations>;

Learn more about the Seal of Biliteracy: <http://sealofbiliteracy.org/>

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