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New York City Schools World Languages presented by the New York City Department of Education (NYC DOE). Forty-three percent of NYC DOE students speak a language other than English at home. The top five most common home languages other than English of NYC DOE students are Spanish, spoken by about 217,000 students; Chinese, spoken by about 64,000 students; Bengali, spoken by about 22,000 students; Arabic, spoken by about 17,000 students; and Russian, spoken by about 15,000 students.

There are 171 other home languages spoken by about 62,000 students. Twenty-one home languages are offered in World Languages classes: American Sign Language, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Spanish, French, German, Polish, Italian, Latin, Albanian, Greek, Hebrew, Arabic, Russian, Punjabi, Hindi, Bengali, Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, and Japanese. Other subjects are taught bilingually in 9 languages: Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, Haitian Creole, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish, and Yiddish.

Over 700 seniors graduated in 2019 with the New York State Seal of Biliteracy. There are three pathways to the Seal of Biliteracy. First, Foreign Languages in Elementary School (FLES) can start in Pre-K through 5th grade and lead to Secondary World Language classes in grades 6 through 12. Second, Dual Language programs are available in Pre-K through 12th grade. Third, Transitional Bilingual Education Programs are available in Kindergarten through 12th grade. All three lead to achieving the New York State Seal of Biliteracy upon graduation. Visit the New York State Department of Education Website for more information on the New York State Seal of Biliteracy.

This infographic is used in activities for grades 3-5, 6-8, and high school.

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