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FRIENDSHIP THROUGH LANGUAGE

HIGHLIGHTS

- Located at Manthala George Jr. Elementary School
- **French-English Immersion Program** launched in 2018
- Full strand developing Grade K through Grade 5
- French language, heritage, historical, cultural and holiday events honored, family activities, multicultural and community projects
- French and English-speaking staff
- **50% - 50% program model** - students spend each day learning in both languages
- **Students read, write, listen, and speak in French and English in all subject areas: language arts, math, science and social studies**
- Instructional materials in French and English

French is...

- one of the major family languages spoken in Brockton and throughout Massachusetts
- the 5th most widely spoken language on the planet and spoken on all five continents
- the official language in over 29 countries around the world and spoken by eight million people in North America as their first language
- spoken fluently by 6 to 11 million Americans as a second language
- makes up a third to a half of basic English words
- an influential language in the diplomatic world and many international organizations including the United Nations, the European Union, the International Olympic Committee, the Red Cross, and Doctors without Borders.



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TOGETHER, SIDE BY SIDE

HIGHLIGHTS

- Located at Manthala George Jr. Elementary School
- **Spanish-English Juntos Two-Way Immersion Program** established over 16 years ago
- Grades K through Grade 5
- Hispanic Heritage Month honoring historical, cultural and holiday events, family activities, multicultural and community projects
- Spanish and English-speaking staff
- **50% - 50% program model** - students spend each day learning in both languages
- **Students read, write, listen, and speak in Spanish and English in all subject areas: language arts, math, science and social studies**
- Instructional materials in Spanish and English

Spanish is...

- one of the major family languages spoken in Brockton and throughout Massachusetts
- sought after major skill and asset by employers, institutions, service providers and schools across the U.S
- the 2nd most widely spoken language and spoken by 427 million people in the world.
- the official language in over 20 countries around the world
- spoken by 41 million people as a first language in the U.S. and 18 million bilingual speakers studied as a second language
- the most popular language to study by students and adults in the U.S. Spanish language popularity is increasing through foreign study, schools, and in universities.
- recognized as one of the six official languages of the United Nations and the European Union, the World Trade Organization, the Organization of American States and the International Soccer Federation (FIFA).

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UNITED IN LANGUAGE

HIGHLIGHTS

- Located at Manthala George Jr. Elementary School
- **Portuguese-English Immersion Program** launched in 2015
- Full strand developing Grade K through Grade 5
- Portuguese language, heritage, historical, cultural and holiday events honored, family activities, multicultural and community projects
- Portuguese and English-speaking staff
- **50% - 50% program model** - students spend each day learning in both languages
- **Students read, write, listen, and speak in Portuguese and English in all subject areas: language arts, math, science and social studies**
- Instructional materials in Portuguese and English

Portuguese is...

- the major Portuguese-based and family language spoken in Brockton and throughout Massachusetts
- the 4th most spoken language in the world, the 3rd most spoken European language.
- the official language in 10 countries spread across the world and co-official language in several other countries. It is spoken by 260 million people worldwide
- Portuguese was declared one of the 6 critical languages by the U.S. National Defense Education Act
- Most spoken language in the Southern Hemisphere, with Brazil being the 7th largest economy in the world and Portuguese extremely relevant in a global economy
- an official language of international organizations like the International Monetary Fund, the African Union, The Common Market of the South, and Organization of American States.

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WHAT IS A DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM?

Dual language programs provide literacy and content instruction to all students through two languages and promote bilingualism and biliteracy, grade-level academic achievement, and sociocultural competence that includes self-development, cross-cultural experiences, and multicultural appreciation for all students. (Multistate Association for Bilingual Education/MABE)

Brockton Public Schools' dual language programs are committed to proving academic preparation in both languages with the goal being that each of our students read, write, and speak in both languages in all subject areas and instilling a global perspective leading to career and college readiness.

MISSION STATEMENT

The BPS Dual Language programs are collaborative learning communities that promote the growth of both English and one additional language, empowering students to become active and successful members of our global society.

OUR VISION

The vision of BPS dual language programs is for all students from diverse cultural backgrounds to become bilingual, biliterate and multicultural.

DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please complete the Dual Language Lottery Request form during the annual Kindergarten registration period at the Parent Information Center (60 Crescent Street). Students are accepted by a lottery system due to high demand. Lottery takes place in May for the upcoming school year.

Each student's name is entered on the list according to the order they are drawn in the lottery. Students/Family will be contacted in the order they appear on the list until the allotted number of students are reached to fill the classes. Commitment Letters are required. All other names are wait-listed.

Parents/Family may submit one lottery request form for each of the three dual language programs' lotteries: Juntos Spanish-English Two-Way, Unidos Portuguese-English Immersion or Amitié French-English Immersion.

Please consult the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page for further details about registration and programming. Available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French.

BENEFITS OF BEING BILINGUAL

- Cognitive: develop strong thinking skills, solving problems, language and making connections
- Social-Emotional: community connections, creating strong relationships, empathy
- Global: participating in the global community, job and academic opportunities



PATHWAYS TO SEAL OF BILITERACY AWARDS

The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. Students must meet criteria that are indicative of their proficiency. At the elementary and middle school level, students are eligible for the Pathways to Seal of Biliteracy Awards. It recognizes the significant steps towards developing biliteracy, biculturalism and bilingualism from kindergarten into high school. Pathway Awards are awarded in Grade 5 and Grade 8. Students continue their foreign language studies in high school to be eligible for the Seal of Biliteracy. Participation in the dual language immersions programs satisfies one of the criteria for eligibility.