

Benefits of Multilingualism



Integration of home language results in gains in academic outcomes on par with or surpassing outcomes in English-only programs.

(Fu, 2009; Genesee & Lindholm-Leary, 2014)



Children learning to read in a second language use their first language to facilitate their acquisition of reading skills in the second language.

(August & Shanahan, 2006);
(Goldenberg, 2008).



Dual-language models, including heritage language programs, enhance student outcomes and have been shown to close the achievement gap.

(Collier & Thomas, 2014)