

## NYC Public Schools Speak Your Language

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Division of Family, Community, and
Student Empowerment



WHAT DO NYC PARENTS SPEAK?

我說中文

HABLO ESPAÑOL আমি বাংলায় কথা বলি

MWEN PALE KREYÒL میری زبان اردو ہے

JE PARLE FRANÇAIS

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## **Agenda**

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- 4. Raising Awareness in our Communities
- 5. Questions



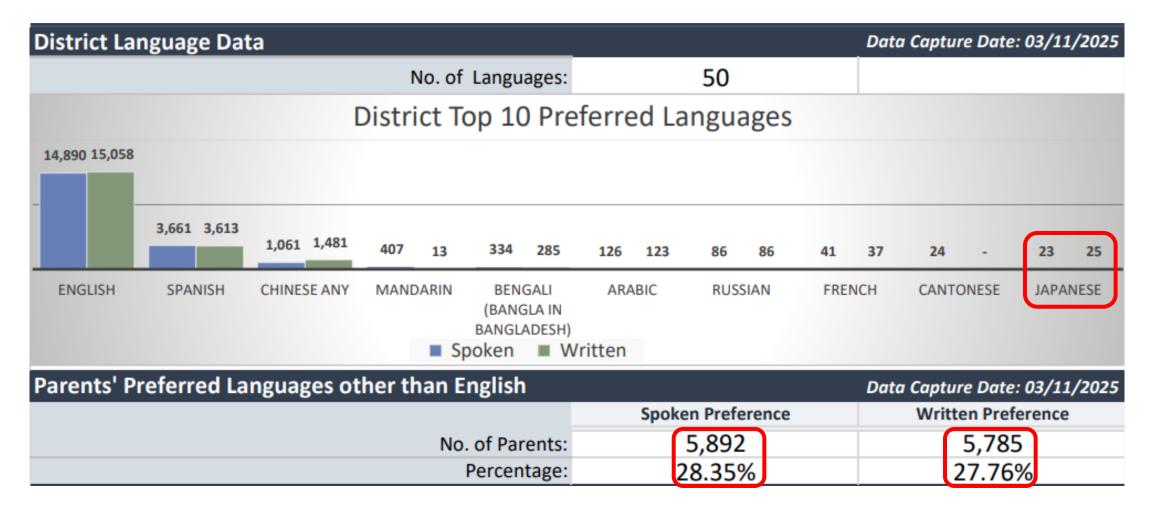
## **NYCPS Background**



- 1 05+ million students
- 1,600+ schools
- 180+ languages spoken
- Approximately 40% of NYCPS households speak a language other than English at home.
- NYCPS' top 10 covered languages besides English are:
  - Arabic, Bangla, Cantonese, French, Haitian Creole, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Urdu
    - Written translations are also available in both Traditional and Simplified Chinese.
- The Office of Language Access (OLA) is dedicated to supporting both NYCPS staff and families by providing the resources necessary for effective communication in languages other than English.



## **District 15 Preferred Languages**





## **Our Commitment to NYCPS Families**

Office of Language Access (OLA)

OLA supports NYCPS with translation and interpretation services for families whose preferred language is other than English.

- **Translation Team**, our largest department, provides written translation services in the ten non-English languages, and works in close collaboration with our contracted vendor to extend services for languages beyond the capacity of our internal resources.
- Interpretation Team works with our contracted interpretation vendors to ensure schools receive services for in-person, virtual and over-the-phone for parent engagements.
- Outreach & Data Integration Team focuses on promoting equitable language access services to schools and empowering NYCPS parents to understand and advocate for their language access rights.



## **Our Commitment to NYCPS Families**

# Office of Language Access (OLA)

OLA continues to pursue innovation and partnerships to be the nation's leader of language access in schools. OLA...

- Collaborates with advocates to identify needs and address language barriers in our ever-changing communities.
- Engages parent leaders to enhance the message of language access to our communities.
- Pursues innovative ways to engage with and receive feedback from families.
  - Online portals
  - Emails, robocalls, text, direct mailers
- Leverages technology to continuously:
  - Enhances the interpretation experience for families (e.g., virtual meetings).
  - Ensures translation quality (e.g., professional translation tools).
  - Keeps a pulse of citywide parent language data and translation and interpretation service outputs.



## **Our Commitment to NYCPS Families**



NYCPS' **FREE** language services include:

- Interpretation for all types of meetings and interactions with NYCPS staff.
- Translation of general documents into the NYCPS' top 10 covered languages. Examples of general documents include:
  - Parent newsletters
  - Event flyers
- Translation of individualized documents into a parent's preferred language, upon request. Examples of individualized documents include:
  - IEPs (Individualized Education Programs)
  - Section 504 Plans (medical accommodations)
  - Foreign Transcripts



## Schools.nyc.gov



#### **Navigating the NYCPS Website:**

 The NYCPS website can be automatically translated by selecting your language on the top part of any page using the Google Translate feature.

#### Please note:

- Automated translations are not intended to replace human translators and are provided as a service to users of the website.
- Some content (such as images, videos, animations, etc.) may not be translated due to the limitations of the translation software.





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#### NYC Public Schools Speak Your Language!

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#### **Helpful Resources**

#### **Print Me**:

You may print and cut out an "I Speak" card, in ten languages, to request language assistance services when communicating with NYC Public School staff.

Multilingual "I Speak" Cards

Arabic| Bangla| Cantonese| French| Haitian Creole| Korean | Mandarin| Russian| Spanish| Urdu

Language Access for NYCPS Families brochure advises families of the availability of language assistance services. You may also request one at your school!



**Language Access for NYCPS Families Brochure** 

Connect to other NYC Public Schools resources in your language:

Health Forms and Notices
Special Education Communications
Early Childhood Communications
Enrollment Forms



#### Language Access for NYCPS Families Brochure







#### **Request Language Services**

Families may complete the Translation and Interpretation Services Request Form to request language services.

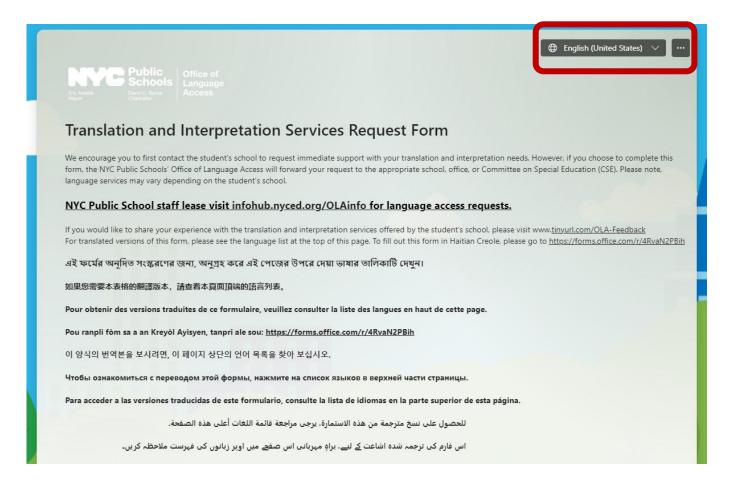
The NYC Public Schools' Office of Language Access (OLA) will forward your request to the appropriate school, office or Committee on Special Education (CSE).

The Translation and Interpretation Services Request form is available in the following languages:

<u>Arabic, Bangla, Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional), English, French, Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Urdu</u>

Please note, language assistance services may vary depending on the type of school the student attends. Families can also call 311 to make a request for language assistance services. Over-the-phone interpretation is available in over 200 languages.





#### **Request Language Services:**

- Parents should contact their student's school for languages assistance services FIRST.
- Alternatively, you may request services via the Translation and Interpretation Services Request Form.
  - Your request will be forwarded to your student's school/program.
  - The form is available in the NYCPS' 10 languages.



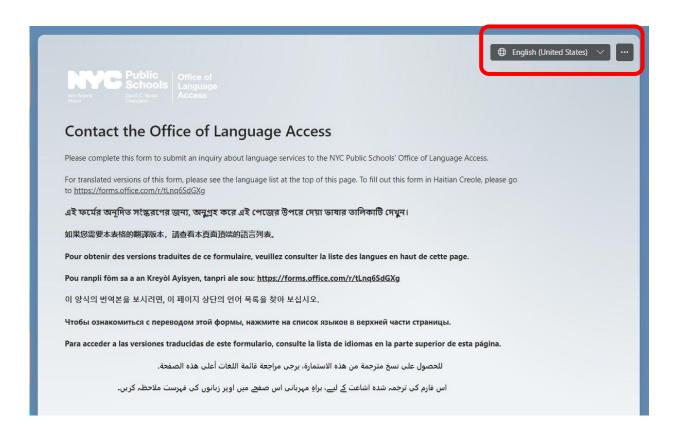
#### **Connect with OLA**

If you or someone you know needs help receiving information or communicating with a school staff member in a language other than English, please tell your school's principal or parent coordinator, call 311 or visit Contact OLA.

The **Contact OLA** form is available in the following languages:

Arabic, Bangla, Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional), English, French, Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Urdu





## Do you have additional questions about the NYCPS' language assistance services?

- Complete the Contact the Office of Language Access form.
- 2. Your inquiry will be addressed accordingly.
- The form is available in the NYCPS' 10 languages.



tinyurl.com/ContactOLA

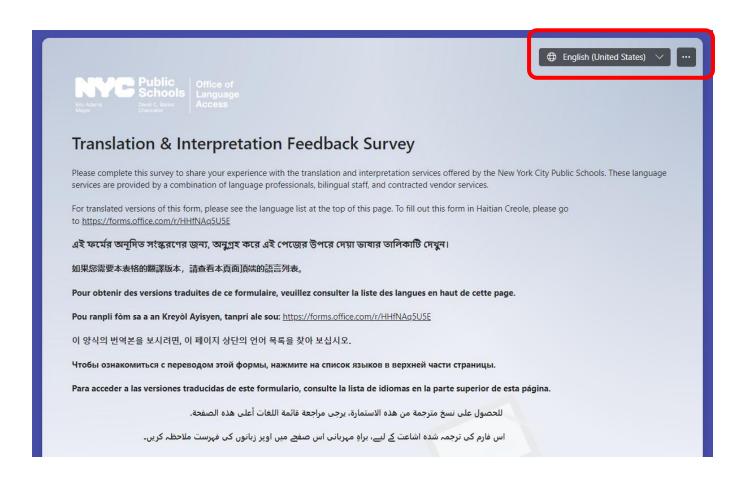
#### **Share your Experience with the NYCPS Language Assistance Services**

You may also provide feedback on the NYC Public Schools' language services by completing our **Translation & Interpretation Feedback Survey** or calling 311.

The Translation & Interpretation Feedback Survey is available in the following languages:

Arabic, Bangla, Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional), English, French, Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Urdu





## Let us know how your student's school is doing:

- Complete the Translation & Interpretation Feedback Form.
- 2. Your inquiry will be addressed accordingly.
- The form is available in the NYCPS' 10 languages.



tinyurl.com/OLA-Feedback

#### **Sign Language Interpretation Services**

For sign language interpretation services, please contact your school's parent coordinator or the Office of Sign Language Interpreting Services at OSLIS@schools.nyc.gov.



Need Sign Language? See a school staff member for assistance.



#### **Having Difficulties Obtaining Language Assistance Services?**

If you are having difficulties obtaining language assistance, learn how to Get Help or File a Complaint.





## Raising Awareness in Our Communities

#### **Advertisement**

- Schools
- Grocery Stores
- Laundromats
- Nail/Hair and Barber Salons
- Pharmacies

#### **Direct Parent outreach**

- Robocalls
- Emails
- Text messages
- Postcards



Request free translation of documents and interpreters for meetings at your student's school.

To learn more or to provide feedback, contact your school, visit **schools.nyc.gov/Hello** or call **311**.











# Thank You!

# Let us know how your student's school is doing!



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