

Dual Language Feasibility Study

ANC 7E

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Agenda

1. Overview of the Dual Language Feasibility Study
2. Discuss potential models for middle school dual language programming
3. Review options – get your thoughts and feedback
4. Next steps

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education

Develops and advances the Mayor's vision for educational and workforce excellence in Washington, DC.

Work to create a city where:

- all children, youth and adults thrive;
- every child knows joy, feels safe, and is ready to learn;
- every student attends a high-quality school; and
- every youth and adult has opportunities for strong continuing education and family-sustaining jobs.

What is the Dual Language Feasibility Study?

Council legislated the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education to **assess the feasibility** of creating or expanding **dual language middle school** options in Ward 7 and 8 aligned with existing elementary programs.

- Runs October through January 2026
- Based on data analysis
- Based on community feedback from
 - Ward 7 and Ward 8 school and community meetings
 - 6 focus groups
 - Online poll

This study is **exploring options** to get a more complete understanding – it does **not guarantee a new school!**

What do we mean by feasible?

The Dual Language Feasibility Study will assess potential options to create or expand dual language middle school options in Ward 7 and 8 based on

1. Costs: building & operations

2. Instructional models

3. Staffing requirements

Assess the impact on:

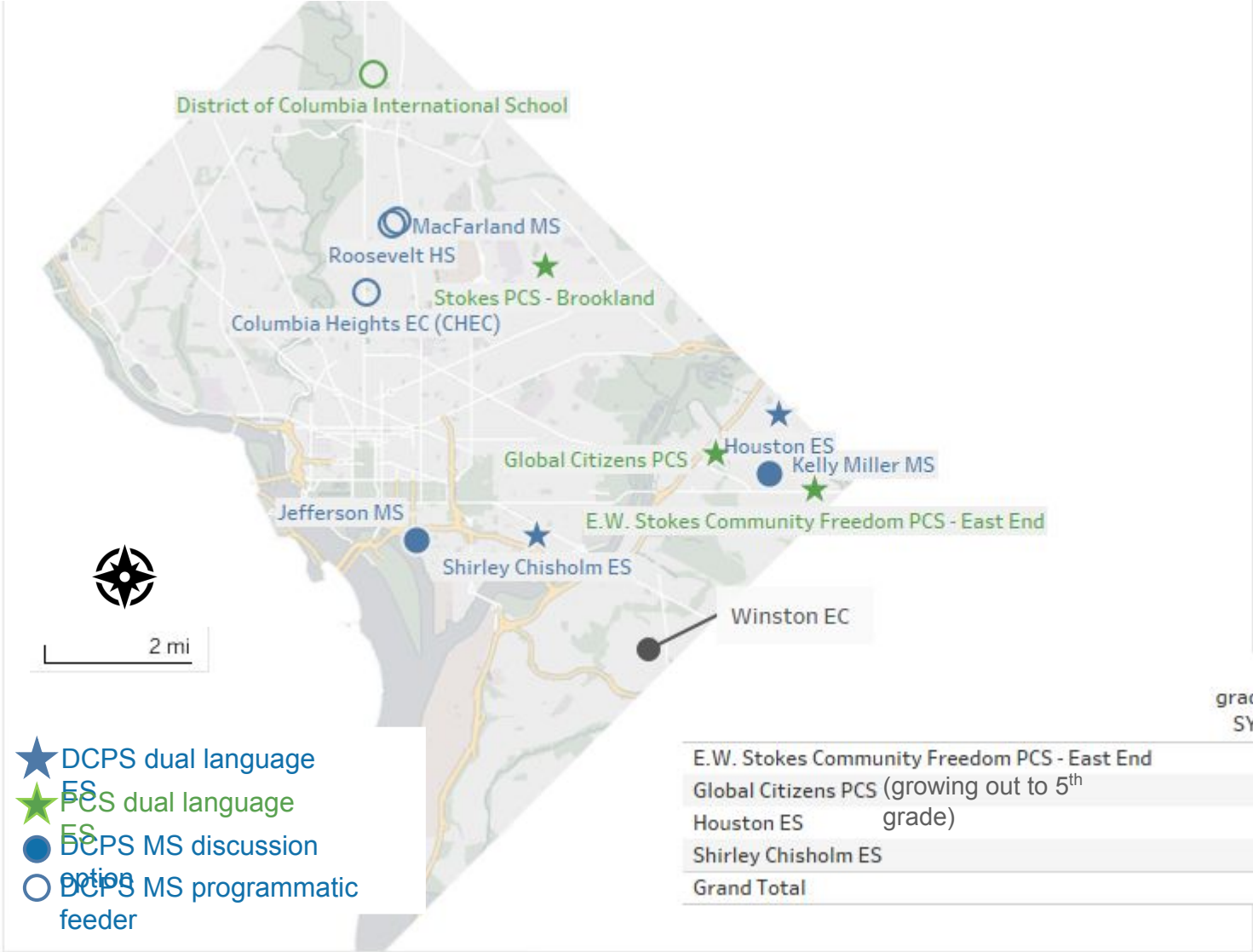
- Nearby school enrollment
- English learner students
- Student transportation needs

What is dual language middle school programming?

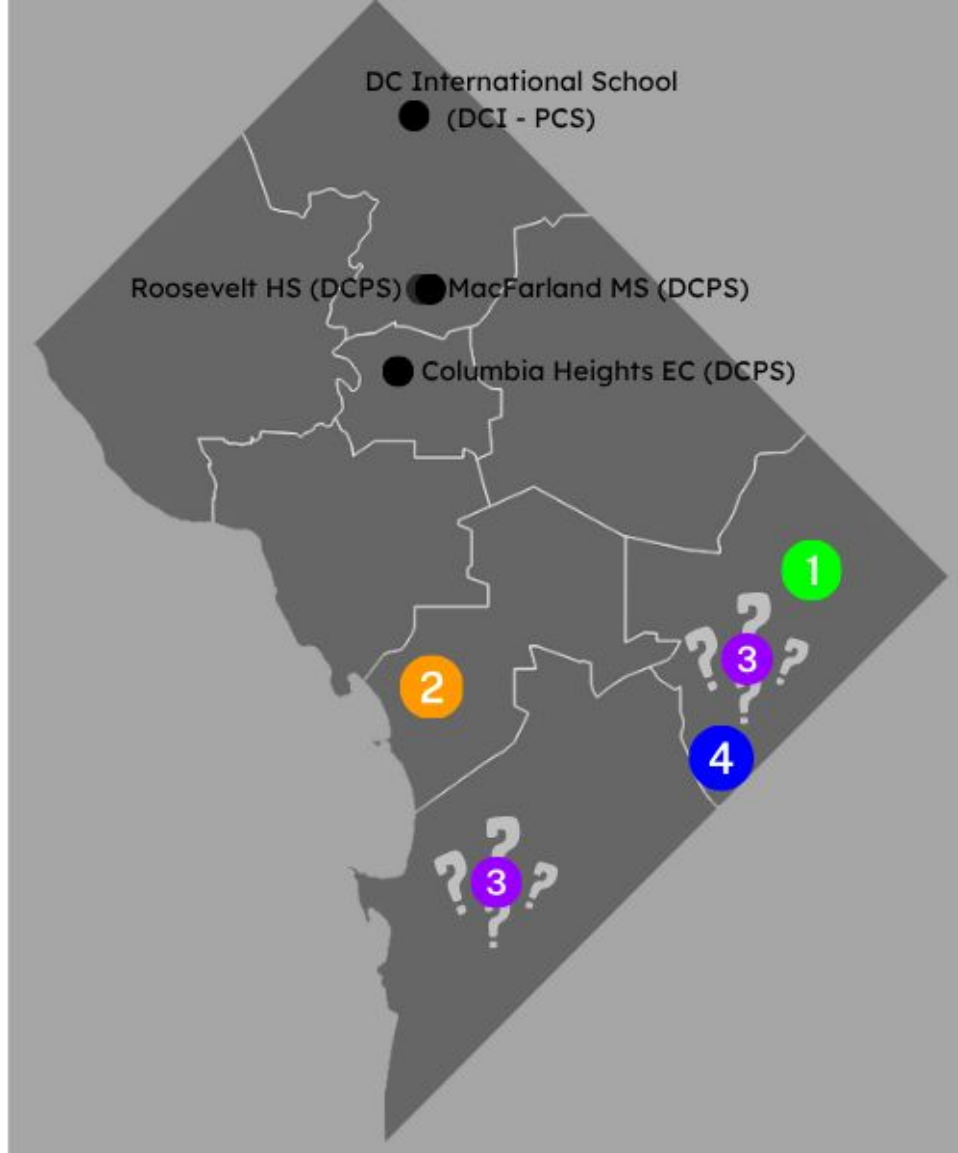
Dual language middle school programming supports **acquiring** two languages (bilingualism and biliteracy) and **learning** academic content in two languages.

- 20%-25% of the MS schedule are content classes in a second language
 - 50-50% is an ES schedule
- Two content classes a week
 - Humanities in a second language
 - Math or science in a second language
- MS programs can offer a variety of second language levels to accommodate student proficiency
 - Levels 1 through 3
- The number of levels and success of the program depends on the number of students enrolled
 - A minimum of 50 students per second language and more is better

Reference Map



Potential options being explored



- Existing MS/HS offering dual language or similar
- 1 Potential strand program at Kelly Miller MS in Ward 7
- 2 Planned strand program at Jefferson MS in Ward 6
- 3 Potential centralized hub at a Ward 7 or Ward 8 location
- 4 Potential new dual language middle school (Winston in Ward 7?)

What language programming options might be viable at existing middle schools?

Potential strand program at

Kelly Miller MS

Kelly Miller MS (Ward 7)

potentially offers a dual language strand for continuing and new dual language students to learn second language in 1 to 2 core content classes.

Potentially Spanish to start

Strand program at

Jefferson MS

DCPS is phasing in a strand

Spanish dual language program at Jefferson MS (Ward 6)

Starting SY27-28

Reactions? Would you be interested? What are the benefits? Drawbacks? What would it take?

What language programming options might be viable for middle schools?

Potential centralized hub at a Ward 7 or Ward 8 location

Like the Advanced Technical Centers in Ward 5 and Ward 8, students could take in person, advanced language programming in core content areas a few days a week

Students could enroll across LEAs

Potential new dual language middle school

Potential new middle school offering dual language middle school programming (max 2 class per schedule)

To ensure sufficient enrollment, what additional programming would attract additional students?

At Winston?

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Other ideas?

Help us spread the word in Ward 7 and Ward 8!

- **One page** study description
 - English and Spanish
- **Poll** about potential dual language middle schools or programs being explored
 - English and Spanish
- Final January virtual meeting to **review what we learned** (date TBD)

Focus Group Engagement

- Food + Safeway gift cards
- In person: 11/13, 11/17, 11/22, 12/3
- Virtual focus groups for Spanish speakers : 11/19 and 11/20



Registration QR code