Revitalizing and Promoting Languages Through Bilingual Education

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Introduction

Bilingual education implemented allows students to be more aware of the multiple languages in the world. Students are also allowed to expand their knowledge with language and culture.

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The importance of Languages

Language is a vital part of human connection. Language allows us to share ideas, thoughts, and feelings with others. It is important for families to encourage learning languages instead of pressuring them to know more. Language is a part of identity.

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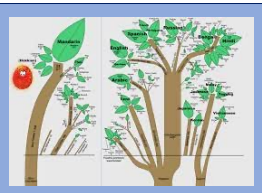
Endangered Languages:

According to UNESCO at least 43% of the estimated 6000 languages spoken in the world are endangered.

Language Brokering

Child language Brokering appears to occur within minority language families as one way of negotiating language and cultural differences



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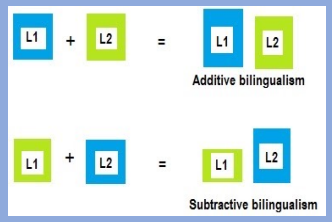
Mother Tongue

In education refers to when a school or educational institution integrates the language a child is most familiar with (tier mother tongue) into the classroom lesson along with the school's lesson (such as English).



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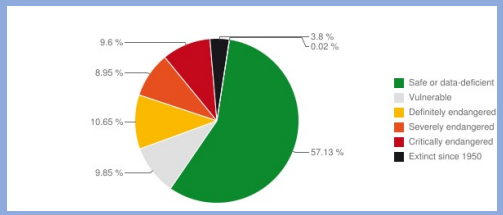
Two-way dual Bilingual Education

Is a way to learn academic content while acquiring another language at the same time. Most programs in the United States teach English and Spanish.



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Conclusion

There is a positive relationship between Spanish used in schools and how it affects student's learning. Students who attend dual language schools range from knowing some Spanish to being knowing some, but not feeling confident in it. It is up to the parents and teachers to influence the kind of outcome the student experiences with being bilingual and using that in their education. Some teachers may not push students enough and some parents may cause pressure on students to know more. Students are positively impacted in bilingual education which is important to promote and implement since their learning environment will promote achievement and diversity in culture.

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