



# Multilingual and World Languages Department



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# Welcome to the Bridgeport Public Schools' Multilingual Learners & World Language Department

Our department wholeheartedly supports the mission and philosophy of Bridgeport Public Schools. We advocate to ensure that every Multilingual (ML) and English Learner (EL) receives access to quality education and the necessary support to achieve academic success. We believe that a culturally responsive approach for all MLs and ELs includes an additive vision of their culture and language. We celebrate the richness that each ML and EL brings to our schools and classrooms, fostering environments where language is valued and utilized as a platform for enhanced understanding among students, families, and staff at all educational levels. This approach not only supports language acquisition but also promotes academic achievement for all students.



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