



Welcome to PS 84's French Dual Language Program

Guidelines to have a Successful Language Learning
Experience

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Purpose & Objective

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PS 84's Dual Language program strives for all students to be fully bilingual, biliterate and multicultural by the end of 5th grade.

We accomplish this by:

- Maximize students' second language proficiency
- Provide a rich, traditional academic environment
- Develop students' abilities to work successfully in multiple cultural settings
- Offer a meaningful, culturally diverse experience for the entire school community

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Benefits of Dual Language Programs

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- Students are culturally sensitive and better at reconciling conflicting ideas
- Develop greater cognitive flexibility
- Increase attention control and memory
- Develop superior problem-solving skills
- Attain high levels of second language proficiency
- Positive self esteem
- Understand primary language better
- Maximize achievement in their primary language
- Historically outperform peer groups on standardized tests
- Boost their brain power
- Opens the doors to domestic and international career opportunities
- French-speaking candidates are more likely to be recruited by major international and domestic businesses and organizations

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French DL Curriculum

Unit Overview & Assessments

Grades K-5 Curriculum Overview

- **Reading and Writing:**
 - To develop literacy in both languages, we use the Teacher's College curriculum to explore and produce different genres, such as narrative, non-fiction, persuasive writing and poetry.
- **Grammar and Phonics:**
 - We will be using a variety of resources such as *Bien Lire et Aimer Lire* and *Lalilo* to develop grammatical skills fundamental to reading, writing, listening and speaking.
- **Math:** enVision math 2.0
- **Social Studies:** Passport
- **Science:** Amplify

K-5 Assessments



These assessments are used to evaluate language proficiency and next steps in French language learning:

- Entrance Interviews
- Students are tested twice a year to evaluate their reading levels in French using GB+ assessments (Every January & June)
- Student's published writing pieces (written in French)
- Teachers use exit tickets in their daily lessons to evaluate student needs.
- By the end of 5th grade, students have the opportunity to take the DELF exam, which is an official qualification awarded by the French Ministry of Education).

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Expectations

French Dual Language Expectations

- Read everyday independently in BOTH languages alternatively.
 - K-2: Read in French for at least 10-15 minutes.
 - 3-5: Read in French for 20-25 minutes.
- Native French speaking families are encouraged to practice speaking in French whenever possible.
- Non-native French speaking families are encouraged to use resources on our padlet and watch shows/movies in French.
- Resources are available for all students in the program.
- Parents are expected to be involved in the language learning process.

Ways parents can support their children at home:

- Talking to your child in French.
- Having your child teach you something in that language.
- Finding cultural events to participate in with your family.
- Use the resources on our padlet.

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Cultural Events/ Trips



Events/ Trips

Past Events:

- Visits of exhibits at FIAF
- Participation in CinéSchool, a French movie festival for students.
- Visit of French bakeries/ chocolate factories
- French plays by students
- Various exhibits of students' work in French
- The Young Audience Program at the French Institute Alliance Française
- La dictée des francophones



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Meet The Teachers

Ms. Delhomme, Ms. West,
Ms. Sandrini-Cooke, Ms. Mattos, Ms. Beloeil,
Ms. Djaoudi & Ms. Sissoko

Le coin de la maîtresse

Mrs. Delhomme -
Kindergarten



About Me:

I was born and raised in LA, California. My parents are from the South of France and I attended Le Lycée Français de LA. I also received a double major in Communications and French from the University of Southern California. This is my 12th year teaching and PS 84 has been my home for the past 10 years. Looking forward to meeting you !!

Favorites:

Color: blue

Animal: car

Food: sushi

Hobbies: photography,
traveling

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Le coin de la maîtresse

Ms. West - 1st Grade



About Me:

My name is Lisa West and this is my 12th year teaching at PS 84. I grew up in Rhode Island, then studied, worked and lived in France for several years. I have two daughters, Muse and Neige. I'm looking forward to meeting you!

Favorites:

Animal: dogs

Color: blue

Food: chocolate

Sports: tennis

Hobbies: reading, cooking

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Ms. Sandrini-Cooke
2nd Grade

About Me:

Bonjour! My name is Carina Sandrini-Cooke and this is my 8th year teaching at PS84. My mother is French and my father is American and I am a born and raised New Yorker. I love teaching in French and learning through songs and games. I can't wait to meet you and welcome you into the French classroom!

My Favorites:

Color: red

Animal: a hedgehog

Sport: soccer

Hobbies: baking, yoga

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Le coin de la maîtresse



Ms. Mattos
3rd grade

About Me:

My name is Monika. This is my 3rd year at PS 84.

My Favorites:

Color: teal

Hobbies: kickboxing, mediation travel, painting, Tai Chi

Food: Jordanian mansaf

Animal: lion

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Le coin de la maîtresse



Ms. Beloeil
4th Grade

About Me:

My name is Céline Beloeil and this is my 13th year at PS 84. I grew up in France and moved to the United States when I was already a teacher. I have two children, Zélie and Oscar. I can't wait to meet you!

My Favorites:

Color: blue

Animal: cat

Sport: swimming, cycling

Hobbies: baking, traveling

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Ms. Djaoudi
5th grade

About Me:

My name is Salima Djaoudi. I'm a fifth grade French dual language teacher. I have been teaching in New York City for 12 years. I joined the PS. 84 community in 2018. Besides being an educator, I'm a mother of two children.

My Favorites:

Color: white

Hobbies: cooking, swimming

Food: grilled fish

Animal: horse

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Le coin de la maîtresse

Ms. Sissoko

5th Grade

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My Favorites:

Color: Green

Animal: Fish

Sport: Badminton

Hobbies: Cooking and
baking diverse food

About Me:

This is my third year at P.S. 84.

I was born in France from Malian parents and moved to the U.S. 17 years ago. I draw from my multicultural background and have a real passion for languages (I speak 3 languages fluently and learned 5). I hope to be able to help students broaden their awareness and appreciation of diverse cultures.

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Thank you for
joining our PS 84
family!

We look forward to working together with you.

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