

# KEEP YOUR HOME LANGUAGE



The Waterloo Region District School Board has over **150 languages** represented in our schools.

Did you know?

**1/4**

of WRDSB students speak a language other than English at home

Maintaining home languages helps students to learn new languages

Using multiple languages improves learning and memory

Home languages are the foundation of our identity and culture

Home languages connect us with friends and family near and far

## Tips for developing your home language



**Keep using your home languages**

Continue to speak, read, write, sing, and play in your home language. Keep using your home language even if your child is having trouble learning your home language or English.



**Talk about school**

Talk to your child about what they are learning and about what is happening at school in your home language.



**Talk about books and videos**

Read, look at, and talk about books and videos with your child. Ask them to talk about what is happening and what they think will happen next.



**Visit the library**

Visit the school library or the public library to find books in your home language and in English. Some books may be available in both languages. [wrdsb.social/3TraQjs](https://www.wrdsb.ca/social/3TraQjs)



**IILP program**

Find out how your child can continue to develop their home language in our International and Indigenous Languages Programs: [wrdsb.social/3U6gQzB](https://www.wrdsb.ca/social/3U6gQzB)

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