How global is D.C.?

Changing demographics and economic opportunities show we’re more global than ever.

- **70%** increase in international visitors since 2006. International visitors contributed $1.7 billion to the local economy.
- **180** embassies from nations around the world. The city hosts thousands of international diplomats.
- **15%** speak a language other than English at home. Spanish and French are most commonly spoken.

How are we preparing students?

- Some of the most popular languages studied by K-12 students in DC are Spanish, French, and Chinese.
- Higher ed. foreign language enrollment increased 83% between 2002 and 2013.

DCPS Global Education works with school leaders and partners to provide students with an understanding of world languages, global cultures and international issues, cultivating students’ global competence.

- **21** of the top 25 industrialized countries begin language instruction in elementary school.
- **International students contributed $407 million to DC’s economy from 2014 through 2015.**

How do we plan for the future?

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