



EQUITY CELEBRATION

Early Childhood Education Department

San Juan Unified School District

2022-2023

**"SAN JUAN HEAD
START WAS THE
FIRST WELCOMING
DOOR I EXPERIENCED
WHEN I CAME TO THE
UNITED STATES."**

- -FATIHA OUALIKEN



MEET FATIHA OUALIKEN

- Mother of an 8 year old and 9 year old at Deterding School
- Spoke no English when immigrated from Algeria
- San Juan Head Start Parent
- 2nd Year SJUSD Infant/Toddler Teacher





Meghan Jorgensen

HER STORY DEMONSTRATES HOW THE SAN JUAN ECE DEPARTMENT:

- PROVIDES LIFE SAVING *OPPORTUNITIES*
- PRODUCES STRONG *SUPPORT* SYSTEMS
- FOSTERS *TRUST* IN DIFFICULT TIMES
- *CELEBRATES* DIVERSE CULTURES

OPPORTUNITIES

- Registration is an interview process that can take up to 2-3 hours, we work closely and build relationships with every family we enroll.
- 5 out of 6 of our Admission Techs speak languages other than English.
- Even during registration - families are provided all sorts of resources.



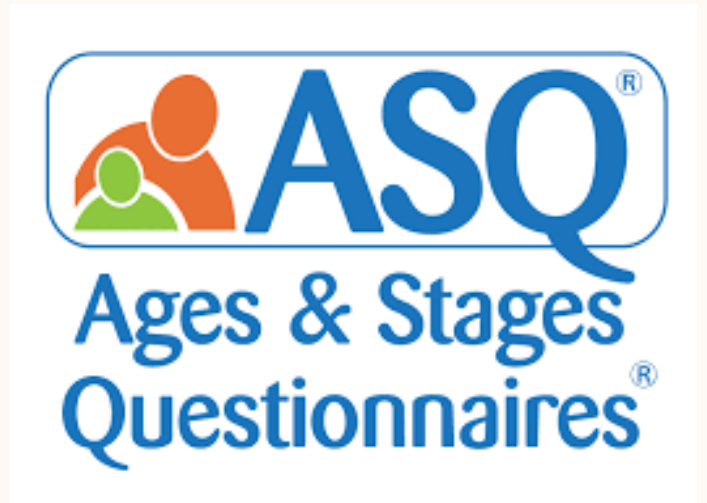
**"YOU CAN FEEL A DIFFERENCE
WHEN SOMEONE IS DOING THEIR
JOB WITH LOVE. JULIA GAVE US
SO MANY RESOURCES MY
HUSBAND STILL TALKS ABOUT
HER. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL"**

-FATIHA OUALIKEN



SUPPORT

Students receive many different types of screening to make sure their health, well-being, and development are taken care of. Screenings such as – height, weight, vision, hearing, developmental, social emotional, and dental screenings.



This year over 750 students have completed the
ASQs Developmental Screenings
(Ages and Stages Questionnaire)

SUPPORT

- From the ASQs it was discovered that Fatiha's son had a speech delay when he was 24 months old
- Through the help of the Teachers and School Community Worker – he was assessed and received the services he needed.



TRUSTING RELATIONSHIPS

- Classroom Partnership began before she was even enrolled.
- Teacher Angelica went to her house to talk to her about the infant/toddler program.
- Loved the program so much enrolled 2nd child
 - 2nd child also needed extra support so Teacher Angelica did a home visit to partner and brainstorm solutions for behavior change
- Teachers and School Community Worker also encouraged her to take classes and become a substitute teacher in San Juan ECE

"I SAW IMPROVEMENT IN MY CHILD EVERY DAY AND IF IT WERE NOT FOR THIS PROGRAM I WOULDN'T BE THINKING ABOUT THIS CAREER".

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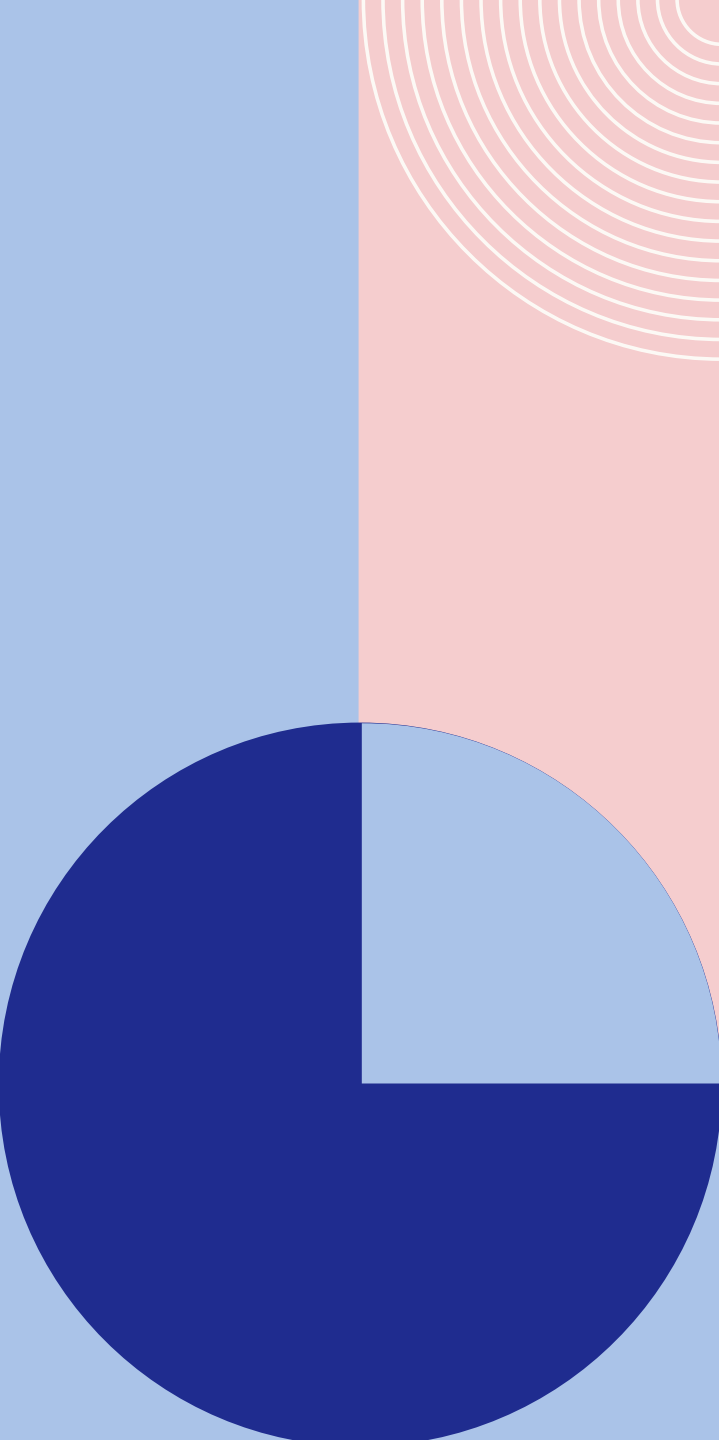


Celebrating Culture – Diversity in Students

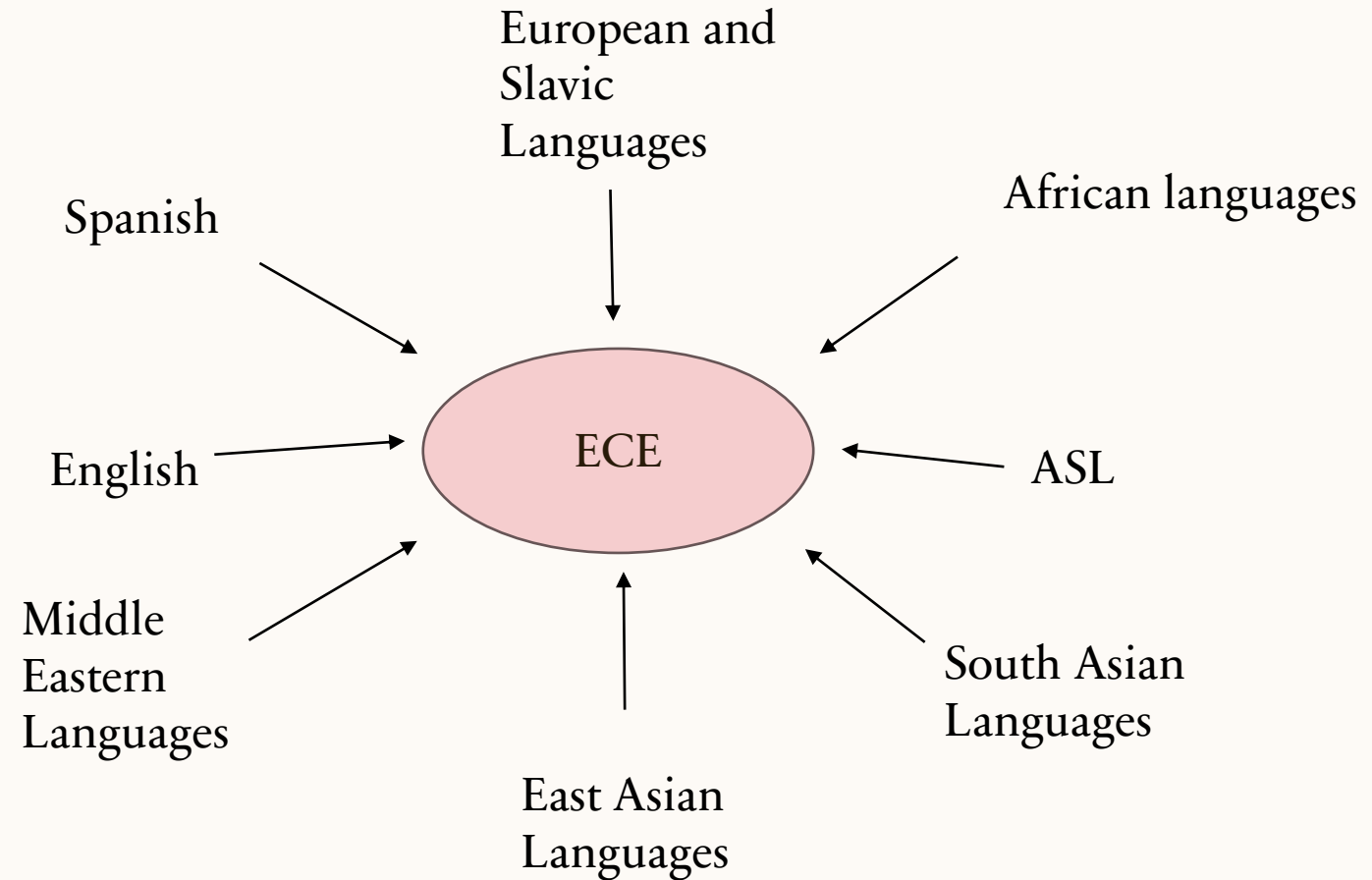
In 2022-23, ECE Department enrolled **712** Dual Language Learning students in Infant/Toddler and Preschool programs.

Celebrating Culture Diversity in Languages of Staff

- % of Staff that speak language other than English
 - Infant/Toddler Program
 - Teachers – 66%
 - NISAs - 69%
 - Preschool Program
 - Teachers – 42%
 - CDAs/NISAs - 48%



Celebrating Culture Diversity in Languages of Staff



"I NEVER FELT LIKE I WAS A STRANGER HERE COMING FROM A DIFFERENT CULTURE, THEY EMBRACED AND CELEBRATED OUR CULTURE".

-FATIHA OUALIKEN



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