

## Development of Bilingualism To Prepare for the Global Era

### The necessity of bilingual education for children of multicultural families

Children from multicultural families are in a better environment to learn a second language besides Korean compared to children from non-multicultural families. In this environment, they are able to naturally develop a global mindset and competencies, and this will offer an opportunity for them to grow into global talents. In addition, it will help them adjust to school as they are recognized by friends and build self-esteem for being bilingual.

### Benefits of bilingualism

Bilingual ability dramatically affects the development of positive interactions between parents and children of multicultural families. Good communication also helps develop their relationships with their children. In particular, high intimacy between parents and children helps improve children's self-esteem.

#### Bilingualism of children - why is it important?

- Children can establish a self-concept and be proud of their background.
- Children can better adapt to their school and society.
- Children can build tolerance for other people and cultures.
- Promotes cognitive, social, and emotional development.
- Children will have less difficulty learning a new language.
- It increases their chances of getting a job, and they can think about various career paths.

Reference: Park Jeong Yun, Hyeon Ji Park (2021).

<Impact of Multicultural Adolescents' Bilingual Abilities on Self-Esteem>,

Jin Dae-yeon, Kang Bok-jeong (2011). <A needs analysis of the bilingual education for children of multicultural families>, Song Eun, Lim Dong-seon (2020).

<Comparative Study of Clusterings According to Bilingual Abilities and the Amount of Mother Language Usage of Second Grade Middle School>

### Jobs where you can use your bilingual ability

Listed below are some occupations in which the bilingual ability of children from multicultural families can be used as a strong point. Explore in detail the jobs that suit the aptitude and interests of your children. By using a bilingual ability, they can expand their career paths, not only in Korea, but also in their parents' home countries.

Job	Similar Jobs	Required Aptitudes and Interests
Travel guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tour product developer</li> <li>• Cabin crew</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good communication</li> <li>• Active and cheerful personality</li> </ul>
Interpreter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tour interpreter</li> <li>• Business interpreter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High vocabulary, expressions, and accurate pronunciation</li> <li>• Enterprising, artistic interests</li> </ul>
Translator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Translator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High level of vocabulary, literacy, and expression</li> <li>• Meticulous personality, persistence, patience</li> </ul>
International trade clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International trade clerk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various experiences overseas, international sensibilities</li> <li>• Logical language skills that are effective in delivering opinions</li> </ul>

Reference: Korea Research Institute for Vocational Education & Training < Materials for Career Counseling (Guide) for 3 Groups >

#### Career Talk

Speaking in your native language allows you to care for your child actively and have emotional interaction with them. It is also good for your children, both emotionally and cognitively, as it creates a familiar environment for them.



YouTube (youtube.com)

> Multicultural Portal Danuri


> My mother's language and my

father's language, should I learn them both?

# Cases of Applying the Advantages of Bilingualism

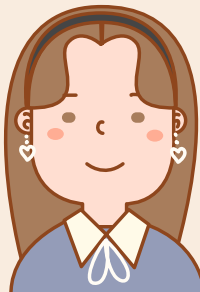
As a parent from a multicultural family, you need to learn how to use bilingualism to your children's advantage. Let's check out the cases that focused on bilingualism in career exploration to study more and get a job, and take time to talk deeply about your children's career.

## How I prepared for further studies!

	Personal features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child of a multicultural family born in Korea (Father: Korea, Mother: Uzbekistan)</li> <li><b>Speaks fluent Russian and English</b></li> </ul>
	College entrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selected a major where Russian language skills can be used</li> </ul>
	Path to college	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic high school &gt; OO University Department of Russian Language and Literature</li> </ul>

Child A

## How I prepared for a job

	Personal features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immigrant child of a multicultural family (Father: Korea, Mother: China)</li> <li><b>New HSK Level 5 Certificate</b></li> </ul>
	Preparation for a job	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As she immigrated while she was in elementary school, her grades were very low in middle and high school, but she decided to be a translator through counseling with a teacher</li> </ul>
	Preparation Tip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Being bilingual and understanding different cultures was an advantage</li> </ul>

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Reference: Korea Research Institute for Vocational Education & Training < Materials for Career Counseling (Guide) for 3 Groups > Reconstruction of cases

## Meet the children

### who gained confidence through bilingualism



"I was born to a Korean father and a Vietnamese mother. I started to change when I participated in the bilingual speech contest when I was in the second year of middle school and won an award. I joined a club, participated in volunteer activities and English speech contests, and ran in the class president election. Through various experiences, I could grow a lot more, and I became very confident."



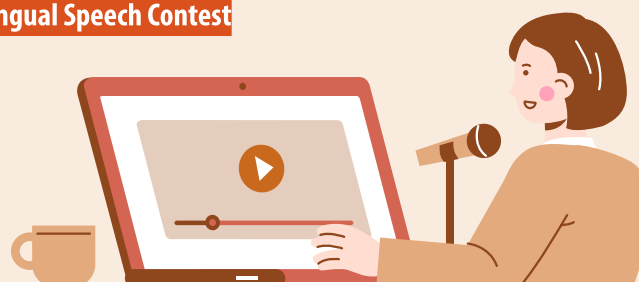
"I came to Korea when I was in the third grade of elementary school, and my Korean improved a lot in the Onnuri class, which is a Korean class. I even won an award in the bilingual speech contest. I have been studying a lot since I came to Korea. My father, whom I met in Korea, helps me with many things to encourage me to study. Unlike the days when everything was unfamiliar and difficult, I am very happy now."

Reference: Ministry of Education <The 13th Multicultural Education Best Practice Contest Winning Works> (2021) Reconstruction of Cases



## Support for developing bilingual strengths

### Bilingual Speech Contest



The Bilingual Speech Contest is held every year to promote bilingual education of children from multicultural families. The Bilingual Speech Contest is a competition in which speeches are given in two languages: Korean, and the native language of the parent. For more information on the Bilingual Speech Contest, please check the Education Portal for Multicultural Families, and the websites and blogs of the education office of each city and province.

**Education Portal for Multicultural Families (edu4mc.or.kr)**

> Policy Guide > Relevant Organizations  
> Search for a local Multicultural Education Support Center



※ Click the language selection at the upper left side of the website, and choose the language you want to use.

※ Seoul Multicultural Education Support Center [multiculture.sen.go.kr](http://multiculture.sen.go.kr)  
Chungcheongnam-do Office of Education International Education Institute  
Multicultural Global Citizen Education Center: [coeiei.or.kr](http://coeiei.or.kr)  
Gyeongsangnam-do Office of Education Multicultural Education Center:  
[gne.go.kr/multiculture/index.gne](http://gne.go.kr/multiculture/index.gne)

Reference: YouTube (youtube.com) > Recipe for Parents  
> Raising multicultural students with potential as future global talents