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**HERITAGE
LANGUAGE
EDUCATION
NETWORK**

**NETWORK OF MOTHER TONGUE
EDUCATION PROGRAMS**



WHAT IS HERITAGE LANGUAGE EDUCATION?

Heritage language (mother tongue) schools provide the opportunity for multilingual children to follow lessons in a language they speak at home, but are not able to study at school. The Eindhoven region is fortunate to have this valuable form of education available in over twenty languages!

Heritage language education falls outside the scope of the Dutch education system. The lessons are usually organized by non-profit initiatives and take place after school or in the weekend throughout the school year.



Heritage language education is a universal right according to UNESCO

Purpose

Parents want their children to be able to connect with other people who speak the same language, to learn to read and write in the home language, and to understand the traditions of the culture. It has been shown that a strong foundation in the home language leads to greater social and academic success overall for multilingual children.

HLE Network

The Heritage Language Education Network is a platform that ensures that families, Dutch schools, and education advisors can easily find information about the available programs. The HLE Network website has school lists as well as news, event info, and other resources.

Languages

Bulgarian, Chinese (Mandarin & Taiwanese), French, German, Hungarian, Indian (Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Bengali, Marathi, & Malayalam), Italian, Korean, Persian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Turkish, & Ukrainian