My student's family speaks another language than me. How can we communicate?

YOU can have direct communication with your families. You and the family can reach out using phone, website, or app with **instant translation** taking place.

**SIMPLE** messages and notes from you can be sent using Google Translate.

You can say “Translated with Google Translate” as a disclaimer. **Simple is better** when using digital translation.

Hi, do you have the letter in Arabic? The student who needs it is ______.

You can share with a department, your principal, or with other staff, when parents need information in a different language or ask you questions about information that was sent in English. It will help them realize that the family will need a phone call, a summary, or at times a Transact form or translation. **Pass it on.**

YOU can request an **interpreter** via phone or through the CCIU, in-person or on Zoom, if you want to have a meeting with a family. **See DASD process**

Let your school’s **ESL Program Specialist** know if you want more information or have questions.

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