

World Language Choices for Grade 7 World Language Program overview, grades 5-8

Grade 5	30 minutes of Spanish, twice in the six day rotation
Grade 6	90 minutes of Spanish, every other day in the six day rotation
Grade 7	Choices! Two year commitment : Full year of Chinese, French, Spanish or Latin
Grade 8	Full year of the same World Language studied in grade 7
Grade 9	Students enroll in level 2 in grade 9 in high school: Chinese II, French II, Latin II and Spanish II

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Please consider the following ...

- When you sign-up for a World Language in grade 6 (Chinese, French, Latin or Spanish) you are making a two year commitment and cannot change to another language in grade 8.
- Family heritage and connection to a language are important factors in your language choices; however, your decisions should not be influenced by what languages your friends are taking. 😊
- If you have a brother or sister at home who studies a certain language, s/he may be able to help you.



LATIN might be for you if...

- * You love grammar: verb conjugations, parts of speech, translating and “figuring out” what words mean
- * Spanish grammar comes easily to you: Latin grammar is more complex
- * You love Social Studies and history: learning Latin requires studying exciting ancient cultures



CHINESE might be for you if...

- * You are patient and like to draw: writing new symbols takes practice
- * You are good at memorizing
- * You like to speak the language
- * You love to solve puzzles and “problem-solve”: interpreting symbols is a new way of learning a language

FRENCH might be for you if...

- *You are interested in the sciences and technology, or the food and fashion industries
- *You'd like to use French on line; it is the most widely used language on the Internet
- *You have connections with our French-speaking neighbors in Canada



If you continue in **SPANISH** in grade 7 ...

- *You build on your solid foundation from the elementary school and enter middle school at a higher comfort level
- *You can speak Spanish in your own country along with more than 330,000,000 Spanish speakers worldwide
- *You can experience culture firsthand with opportunities for employment and enjoyment in the U.S.



Please contact me if you have any questions or if you would like to talk about your child's choices for next year.

Thanks!

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