## 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 |
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| 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, <br> 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, <br> 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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