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World Languages



Course offerings:

Traditional Spanish: Levels 1, 2, 3, 4

NPIB/Honors Spanish: Levels 1, 2

IB Spanish: Levels 3, 4

Spanish for Spanish Speakers: Levels 1, 2

AP Spanish: Level 5

Traditional French: Levels 1, 2, 3, 4

NPIB/Honors French: Levels 1, 2

IB French: Levels 3, 4

What should I take as a 9th grader?

*I am a student with no prior language experience or only once or twice a week in middle school.

→ Level 1

*I am a highly motivated student with no prior language experience or only once or twice a week in middle school.

→ NPIB/Honors 1

*I have had Spanish or French *everyday* in middle school, or have completed 1A and 1B in middle school, and I feel confident in my language acquisition.

→ Level 2 or NPIB/Honors 2

*My family speaks a lot of Spanish at home and I can comprehend and respond easily.

→ Spanish for Spanish Speakers

Traditional Language Classes:

College preparatory classes that help students meet college entrance prerequisites and prepare students for success after high school.

NPIB/Honors Classes:

Honors classes that provide the opportunity for students to challenge themselves and prepare for AP and IB classes.

IB Language Classes

These two year classes include speaking activities that include debate, oral presentations to the class, and class discussions. Students write assignments with a specific purpose and audience in mind, such as journals, publicity materials, dialogues, and letters. Students work on in-depth understanding of different kinds of written materials. Assessments include teacher-designed tests and practice IB exams. All of the work takes place within the context of educating students to be responsible world citizens by developing an intercultural competency.

AP Spanish

AP Spanish provides practice in advanced language skills while communicating in college-level Spanish. By the end of the year, students will be able to discuss and write about Spanish and Latin American literature, culture, and many contemporary themes. Their language skills will include a wide vocabulary and the ability to use all verb tenses appropriately. Class activities will focus on extensive reading, writing, speaking, listening and preparation for the A.P. Spanish Language Examination, given in May. Students who earn a qualifying score on the exam may earn credits when they enter participating colleges and universities. *Students will participate solely in Spanish.*

Graduation Requirements:

Students may select Spanish or French courses as elective classes. Many four-year colleges recommend or require two or three years of a foreign language. Students must continue in the *same* language to meet those requirements.