

FAQs Related to World Languages

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QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
What would the expected scores be for a student who completed Spanish one in middle school and is moving into Spanish 2 in high school?	The expected score for a student who completes Spanish 1 and is ready for Spanish 2 is a score of 3. Please see our Placement Chart for information about the whole CHS pathway: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ocicUqhj_D8M8beWcL-DxnI9vScAXrrYY_5_8lj3Cwc/edit?tab=t.0
Are there any opportunities for elementary and middle school students to learn a new foreign language or is it only available for students that already come from a bilingual background?	All K-5 students have Spanish once a week. Middle school students can take Spanish 1A and/or Spanish 1B. High school students can take Spanish 1 through AP Spanish, French 1 through AP French, and/or American Sign Language 101 through dual-enrollment. Students who are already bilingual can benefit from advanced courses in their own language and can additionally take a third language if they wish!
Would it be possible to offer French at the elementary level?	We do not currently offer French at the elementary level. As soon as more information/offerings become available, they will be announced via the Principal's newsletter.
HELPING MY STUDENT SELECT READING MATERIAL IN SPANISH I'm interested in helping my 5th grader pursue the home language development achievement and wanted to reach out to you for guidance. I'm happy to work on a reading log, however his reading level would be more along the lines of Dr. Seuss, etc.	Yes! Reading anything and everything that your child is interested in and doing it in Spanish will go a long way, even if it is easy children's books. For example, you can: - pick out Baby Books from the closest public library - check out the offerings in the school library (the high school library has a particularly strong selection of Spanish books and we can set up an inter-library loan system)-- please check with your librarian - non-fiction topics tend to have a lot of similar words between English and Spanish, so your child can read non-fiction topics of their interest - You can also try "graded readers" in Spanish, which are fairly easy to read and include a glossary in the back. Two companies that sell inexpensive graded readers

does that still work?	- Tprs books - Wayside publishing I encourage you to have him read anything and everything that he's interested in and can understand.
PORTFOLIO FEEDBACK My student is going to do a portfolio for the 8th grade Biliteracy Attainment Award. Can I send you a draft of the Portfolio to make sure it is on the path to meet the requirements for the award?	YES! You can email the portfolio draft to maylen.rafuls@coronadousd.org
HELPING MY STUDENT IMPROVE THEIR LANGUAGE SKILLS I have a student who has prior experience in Spanish (immersion program, heritage or native speaker). How can I help my student improve their Spanish?	It is amazing to hear that your student already has experience with the Spanish language! Now, to help your student grow and maintain their Spanish, I recommend: - Find other Spanish-speaking students at your school and converse with them. Perhaps they can do this by joining or creating a club. - Increasing opportunities for your student to read in Spanish. There's a selection of Spanish books at CMS and at CHS. Moreover, CMS students can check out books from the high school library through our "inter-library loan" system. Please speak to your librarian about this! The CHS library has a wide variety of offerings, or they can go to any of the public libraries in the area. - Keep a private journal in Spanish where they write about their day, their feelings, etc. This type of informal writing will help them develop more comfort. They can look up key words on wordreference.com. - Read nonfiction articles online based on their interests and write summaries of the articles. What are they interested in? A good site for articles in Spanish is: https://newsela.com/rules/spanish - Watch movies and TV in Spanish with Spanish CC subtitles. There are tons of choices on Netflix, Amazon, Disney+, etc.
SPANISH CLUB AT CMS Is there a Spanish club at CMS where my student could practice their	There is no Spanish club currently at CMS, but I highly encourage your student to start one! In order to start a club, please see Mr. Garcia in the main office, and he will walk you through all the steps required.

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CORRECT PLACEMENT FOR STUDENTS WHO ALREADY SPEAK SPANISH My student grew up in Mexico, and studied there. They already speak, read and write in Spanish really well. Should they still take Spanish at the high school? What level of Spanish should they take?	Students who already speak Spanish are encouraged to strengthen their Spanish before they start a new language, unless they are not at all interested in Spanish. For a student who grew up in a Spanish-speaking country and is literate in Spanish, we recommend starting at AP Spanish language. If you are not sure that the student's writing is good enough, then please ask your counselor for a brief writing placement assessment to determine whether they belong in Spanish 3 or AP Spanish. These assessments are graded by our high school faculty and within the first week of the school year, teachers ensure that students are in the correct level. Any and all schedule changes will depend on availability according to the student's schedule.