

WORLD LANGUAGES

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Effective language learning focuses on the role of the individual in a global society. No longer do we live in an isolated world. Instead, there is an ever-changing, interdependent world in which diverse cultures and linguistic groups converge.

Successful participation in a Global Society relies on successful communication in different situations. The World Languages classroom provides a forum to prepare students for those situations. The objectives of the World Languages program in District 204 are aligned with the National Standards for World Languages (Communication, Culture, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities) in the 21st Century. The Advanced Placement guidelines and the Common Core State Standards are also addressed.

The disciplines of English and World Languages are closely related. Therefore, recommendations for World Language students should take into account the student's success in English courses. Students who start in the two-year Middle School Spanish or French program are well prepared for their second-year (Level 2) as freshmen. Courses are designed for non-native speakers. It is recommended that a student take a language other than the language spoken at home.

Students communicate using the 3 modes of communication: presentational, interpretive and interpersonal in all courses.

If a student is linguistically inclined, he or she can take a second world language after completing the second-year of his/her first world language. AP courses are designed to prepare students to succeed on the Advanced Placement Language exams offered in May.

All courses require a workbook fee.

WORLD LANGUAGES COURSE LISTINGS

CHINESE COURSES

COURSE#	TITLE	LEVEL	PREREQUISITE
WLAN4001	Chinese 1	Yr. 9-12	None
WLAN4002	Chinese 2	Yr. 10-12	Chinese 1
WLAN4003	Chinese 3	Yr. 10-12	Chinese 2
WLAN4004H	Honors Chinese 4	Yr. 11-12	Chinese 3

FRENCH COURSES

COURSE#	TITLE	LEVEL	PREREQUISITE
WLAN1001	French 1	Yr. 9-12	None
WLAN1002	French 2	Yr. 9-12	French 1

WORLD LANGUAGE COURSE LISTINGS (CONT'D)

WLAN1003	French 3	Yr. 10-12	French 2
WLAN1004	French 4	Yr. 11-12	French 3
WLAN1004A	AP French	Yr. 11-12	French 3

GERMAN COURSES

COURSE#	TITLE	LEVEL	PREREQUISITE
WLAN2001	German 1	Yr. 9-12	None
WLAN2002	German 2	Yr. 10-12	German 1
WLAN2003	German 3	Yr. 10-12	German 2
WLAN2004A	AP German	Yr. 11-12	German 3

SPANISH COURSES

COURSE#	TITLE	LEVEL	PREREQUISITE
WLAN3001	Spanish 1	Yr. 9-12	None
WLAN3002	Spanish 2	Yr. 9-12	Spanish 1
WLAN3003	Spanish 3	Yr. 10-12	Spanish 2
WLAN3004	Spanish 4	Yr. 11-12	Spanish 3
WLAN3004A	AP Spanish	Yr. 11-12	Spanish 3

WORLD LANGUAGES COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

All World Language courses are year long. They are sequential, requiring completion of the previous level.

WLAN4001 CHINESE 1 *Grade 9-12.*

Chinese 1 is an introductory course to the Chinese language and culture. Students learn the basics of Chinese pronunciation, grammatical structures and character writing systems which allow them to communicate in simple Chinese. They will be able to conduct basic conversations and self-expression in Chinese. This course is designed for non-native/non-heritage students; simplified characters are taught. The introduction of Chinese cultural products, practices and perspectives is also an integral part of the course.

WLAN4002 CHINESE 2 *Grade 10-12.*

Chinese 2 builds on the skills developed in Chinese 1 and continues to focus on an introduction to Chinese sentence patterns and functional use of the language. Students expand their vocabulary and conversational proficiency by broadening their knowledge of basic language patterns, daily expressions, and Chinese culture. Classroom instruction and activities are centered on use of authentic materials and basic communication skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Chinese. The target audience includes non-native speakers and native speakers who want to improve their basic Chinese language skills.

WLAN4003 CHINESE 3 *Grade 10-12.*

Chinese 3 expands on the areas of vocabulary, speaking, reading and sentence patterns. Classroom instruction and discussions will be conducted primarily in Chinese. Students will expand their communication skills in Chinese along with their knowledge of the Chinese culture.

WLAN4004H HONORS CHINESE 4 *Grade 11-12. Weighted grade.*

Honors Chinese 4 focuses on expanding the four communication skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) by exploring a variety of contemporary and classic topics. Grammar and structure are also reviewed. A selection of projects will be required during the summer preceding the course.

WLAN1001 FRENCH 1 *Grade 9-12.*

French 1 introduces the student to practical vocabulary and basic grammatical structures that will enable him or her to communicate in simple French. The course focuses on speaking, listening, reading, and writing, as well as various aspects of francophone (French speaking) culture. Oral communication is stressed.

WLAN1002 FRENCH 2 *Grade 9-12.*

French 2 builds on the skills developed in French 1. Students expand their vocabulary and begin to study more complex grammatical structures. Cultural exploration continues. Development of all four communication skills is stressed, with special emphasis on oral communication. Most of this class is conducted in French.

WLAN1003 FRENCH 3 *Grade 10-12.*

French 3 reinforces and develops the four basic communication skills and allows students to use them at a more advanced level. As time allows, this course introduces students to francophone (French-speaking) literature, art, and history. Class discussions and work are facilitated primarily in French.

WLAN1004 FRENCH 4 *Grade 11-12*

The French 4 class focuses on the four skills: reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Emphasis is on conversation skills. The students expand their vocabulary through stories, literature, film, and various cultural units utilizing authentic resources. The class is facilitated primarily in French.

WLAN1004A AP FRENCH *Grade 11-12. Weighted grade.*

AP French focuses on expanding the four communication skills: reading, writing, listening, and speaking by exploring a variety of contemporary and classic topics utilizing authentic resources. Grammar and structure are also reviewed. The 6 overarching themes from the College Board are addressed in a variety of units. A selection of activities will be required during the summer preceding the course. Students who successfully complete this course and the AP French Language examination may receive college credit and/or higher placement in college.

WLAN2001 GERMAN 1 *Grade 9-12.*

German 1 emphasizes structure and beginning proficiency and introduces the student to basic conversation and self-expression in German. As students learn to understand, speak, read, and write German on a basic level, they are introduced to aspects of German culture, particularly relating to the everyday life of teenagers.

WLAN2002 GERMAN 2 *Grade 10-12.*

German 2 has an increasing emphasis on vocabulary and conversational proficiency. Students also begin to amass a portfolio of written work. A higher level of structural forms is learned while students learn to express themselves in everyday situations in the family and with friends.

WLAN2003 GERMAN 3 *Grade 10-12.*

German 3 continues emphasizing basic language skills while students learn the most complex structures and begin to describe, discuss, and express themselves personally in the language. Short stories and a short novel are read.

WLAN2004A AP GERMAN *Grade 11-12. Weighted grade.*

AP German focuses on student communication in the form of reports, oral projects, role-playing, essays and discussions. Speaking, listening, reading, and writing are emphasized. Reading includes current articles, essays, as well as short stories. The 6 overarching themes from the College Board are addressed in a variety of units. Students communicate using the 3 modes of communication: presentational, interpretive and interpersonal. Emphasis is placed on understanding and integrating outside sources and information. A selection of activities will be required during the summer preceding the course.

WLAN3001 SPANISH 1 *Grade 9-12.*

Spanish 1 is designed to train the student to understand, speak, read, and write basic Spanish, as well as presenting a cultural background of the Spanish-speaking people. Oral communication is stressed.

WLAN3002 SPANISH 2 *Grade 9-12.*

Spanish 2 expands the basic skills of the first-year course by broadening the knowledge of vocabulary, basic grammar skills and Spanish culture. The course is also designed to further develop conversational, reading and writing skills. Oral communication is stressed.

WLAN3003 SPANISH 3 *Grade 10-12.*

Spanish 3 continues to build proficiency in listening, speaking, writing and reading. It expands upon the material which students have mastered in levels 1 and 2. Language proficiency is developed through a challenging and varied curriculum, including cultural readings and oral presentations utilizing technology. The class is facilitated primarily in Spanish.

WLAN3004 SPANISH 4 *Grade 11-12.*

The Spanish 4 class focuses on the four skills: reading, writing, listening, and speaking; however, emphasis is on the conversational skills. The students expand their vocabulary through stories, literature, film and through various cultural units utilizing authentic resources. The class is facilitated primarily in Spanish.

WLAN3004A AP SPANISH *Grade 10-12. Weighted grade.*

AP Spanish focuses on further developing the speaking, reading, writing, and listening level of proficiency of the student by reviewing previously covered grammar concepts and learning new vocabulary in context. The students expand this knowledge by exposure to authentic, well-known Hispanic literature and film. The 6 overarching themes from the College Board are addressed in a variety of units. A selection of activities is required to be completed during the summer preceding the course. Students who successfully complete this course and the AP Spanish Language exam may receive college credit and/or higher placement in college.