

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Students may choose to complete up to three years in German and four years in French and Spanish. A student may begin foreign language study at any secondary grade level (Spanish at grade 8); however, those students in a college preparatory program should begin their study by the tenth grade in order to have the opportunity to successfully complete three years of the same language, which is recommended by some universities. In addition, it is highly recommended that successful students continue to at least the fourth level to fully prepare for the college experience. One unit of credit is awarded for the successful completion of each level, beginning in the 8th grade for Spanish and in the 9th grade for French and German.

All foreign language students should be enrolled in an AP/Honors or College Preparatory Level English class. In order for a student to proceed to the next level in each language, he/she must demonstrate successful completion of the previous level. Students will not be considered for recommendation to the next level unless a grade of C or better is earned due to each level building on the previous. Foreign language students receive honors credit for successful completion of Honors levels. The use of translator software or internet online translators is not condoned and is considered plagiarism.

Fees charged in all foreign language classes are for workbooks and additional consumable items.

FRENCH

A four year French program is available, beginning at grade 9 and continuing through grade 12. The focus of the program is on communication and culture, presented through speaking, listening, reading, and writing activities. Culture is integrated throughout the program through the use of French feature films, popular French music, food tasting, celebrating French holidays, and exploring geographical areas.

GERMAN

A three year German program is available in grades 9-12. The program emphasizes culture and using the language throughout all forms of communication such as listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Videos used in the courses help to reinforce what has been taught in the classroom and feature a wide variety of cultural topics. Culture is integrated throughout the program through the use of selected German feature films, music, food tasting, the celebration of German holidays and exploring German-speaking countries and cities.

SPANISH

A four year Spanish program is available, beginning at grade 8 and continuing through grade 11 or 12. In the first level, basic knowledge of vocabulary, culture, and grammar are taught. Students gradually develop listening, speaking and writing skills. The second level expands on vocabulary and culture, with the continuation of basic grammatical structures. The third course reinforces and expands on previously taught material. The main focus continues to be on grammatical structures and on improving oral and written skills. At the fourth level, the students further develop their

communication skills. Their knowledge of grammar is expanded and they write compositions and give oral presentations in Spanish. The focus of culture is the geography and history of Hispanic countries.

Foreign Language Program Fees

	French	German	Spanish
Level 1	\$29.00	\$5.00	\$25.00
Level 2	\$29.00	\$5.00	\$5.00 *
Level 3	\$5.00*	\$5.00	\$25.00
Level 4	\$22.00	n/a	\$25.00

* Students should keep purchased workbook or anthology from the previous year. If lost, student will need to purchase another workbook at full cost.