

District 105 Foreign Language Curriculum

Foreign Language Philosophy

The District 105 foreign language program provides students with the powerful key to communication through the study of other languages and cultures. The foreign language program is designed to provide language experiences in both French and Spanish. The basics of speaking, writing, listening, and reading are studied along with the various cultures associated with the two languages.

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All seventh graders take twelve weeks of French and twelve weeks of Spanish using the adopted Spanish is Fun and French is Fun texts. All eighth graders study French or Spanish for a full year. The majority of the eighth grade students are placed (based on their preference) in a French or Spanish class designed for middle school students with an emphasis on listening, speaking, reading, and writing in the target language and cultural study. The eighth grade French program continues with the French is Fun text introduced in the seventh grade. Eighth grade Spanish students transition to the Avancemos Spanish text.

Selected eighth grade students take a high school French I or Spanish I course. Texts used are En Español and Discovering French. These classes have been carefully articulated so that the text, examinations, and instructional pacing align closely with the high school program. Students are awarded high school credit for their eighth grade foreign language participation if they successfully maintain a C average in the 8th grade program and freshman year French II or Spanish II class.