

World Languages in Montgomery County Public Schools

Opportunities for Students in Grades 6-12

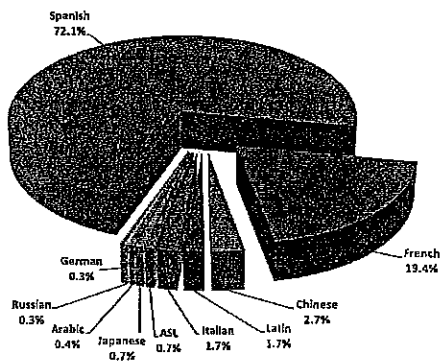
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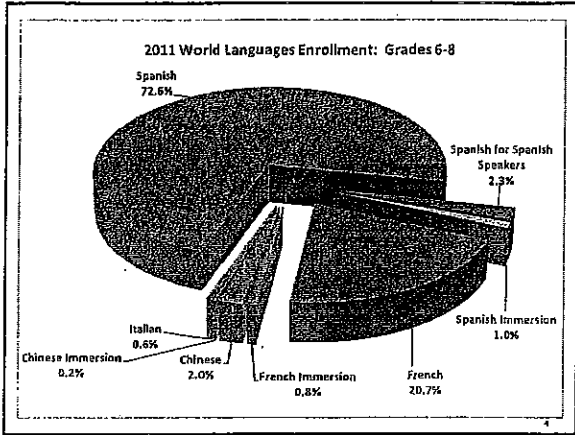
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Languages Offered in MCPS

- Spanish
- French
- Chinese
- Latin
- Italian
- American Sign Language
- Japanese
- Arabic
- Russian
- German

2011 World Languages Enrollment: Grades 6-12





Frequently Asked Questions

• Do all schools offer all languages?

No. The language offerings are a local school decision. They are determined by a variety of factors including student interest, enrollment, staffing allocations, articulation patterns, and budget.

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• What languages are offered in middle school?

In school year 2010-2011:
 All 38 MCPS middle schools offer Spanish.
 Most offer French.
 A few offer Chinese and Italian.

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- **How can I find out what languages my local high school offers?**

Contact the school.

Check the online high school course bulletin.

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- **When do students begin to study a world language in middle school?**

Students may begin the study of a world language in Grade 6, 7, or 8.

Some schools offer Spanish/French/Italian/Chinese 1 over a two year period.

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Frequently Asked Questions

- **Do students earn high school credit for taking middle school world language courses?**

Yes. They must pass both semesters and the June final exam to earn 1 credit.

The grade counts as part of the student's grade point average (GPA) and appears on the high school transcript.

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- How many credits in world language are required for graduation?

2 credits in a world language OR
 2 credits in American Sign Language OR
 2 credits in advanced technology

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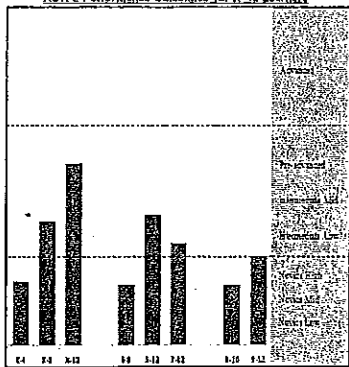
- How many years of a world language should students take?

As many as possible!

Colleges want to see a long sequence in one language.

Some colleges may not accept credit earned in middle school.

ACTFL Performance Guidelines for K-12 Learners



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- What languages have Advanced Placement® courses and examinations?
 - French
 - Spanish
 - Chinese
 - Latin
 - Japanese
 - Italian

