

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

A foreign language experience offers a number of academic advantages to students. While the obvious advantages of learning about another culture and its languages are the main benefits, foreign language instruction provides helpful additional practice in social studies, current events, English and vocabulary. Furthermore, many colleges and universities view high school foreign language as an indicator of student ability. In fact, taking two years of the same foreign language fulfills the admission requirement set by the Illinois Board of Higher Education for admission into Illinois public universities.

FRENCH 1 (I)

Length: *Two Semesters*

Prerequisite: *None*

French 1 introduces students to the fundamental skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in French. Student-centered activities promote the development of oral language skills. The class is introduced to the culture and daily life styles of people in French-speaking countries.

FRENCH 2 (I)

Length: *Two Semesters*

Prerequisite: *French 1*

French 2 students continue the mastery of fundamental skills. Communication continues to be emphasized through a variety of language activities. The class explores topics related to French culture.

FRENCH 3 (A)

Length: *Two Semesters*

Prerequisite: *French 2*

French 3 students develop and expand their language skills. A major goal of this course is to improve communication by using French extensively in meaningful student-centered activities. French culture is also studied.

FRENCH 4, 5 (A)

Length: *Two Semesters*

Prerequisite: *French 3*

French 4 and French 5 students continue to develop their speaking, reading, listening, and writing skills through a variety of student-centered activities. The teacher may choose additional topics, such as culture and literature. Discussions take place in French. Course content is varied so that students may complete a

four or five-year sequence of study. French 4, 5 may be taken in any sequence and are offered in alternate years.

GERMAN 1 (I)

Length: *Two Semesters*

Prerequisite: *None*

German 1 introduces the student to the fundamental skills of listening, comprehending, speaking, reading, and writing in the German language and exposes the student to the contemporary way of life in German-speaking countries.

GERMAN 2 (I)

Length: *Two Semesters*

Prerequisite: *German 1 or recommendation of the instructor*

German 2 continues to teach grammar and syntax, stress vocabulary building, and introduces the students to various areas of German culture.

GERMAN 3, 4, 5 (A)

Length: *Two Semesters*

Prerequisite: *German 2 or recommendation of the instructor*

German 3, 4, and 5 are continuations of the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Many activities are student-centered and involve partner or group cooperation. Additional cultural topics and literature will be included. Much of the discussion is conducted in German. German 3, 4, 5 may be taken in any sequence and are offered in alternate years.

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SPANISH 1 (I)

Length: *Two Semesters*

Prerequisite: *None*

Spanish 1 introduces students to the fundamentals of speaking, listening, reading, and writing in Spanish. Students become acquainted with the culture and daily life styles of people in Spanish-speaking countries.

SPANISH 2 (I)

Length: *Two Semesters*

Prerequisite: *Spanish 1*

Spanish 2 students improve basic skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish and continue the study of culture and daily life-styles of people in Spanish-speaking countries.

SPANISH 3 (A)

Length: *Two Semesters*

Prerequisite: *Spanish 2*

Spanish 3 students expand foreign language skills. The target areas are conversation, vocabulary expansion, grammar review, composition, reading, and culture. Spanish is used increasingly as the classroom language.

SPANISH 4 (A)

Length: *Two Semesters*

Prerequisite: *Spanish 3*

Spanish 4 students expand speaking and listening skills through small and large group activities and refine composition skills through grammar review. Optional topics chosen by the teacher may include culture, history, short stories, poetry, and drama.

SPANISH 5 (A)

Length: *Two Semesters*

Prerequisite: *Spanish 4*

Spanish 5 students expand speaking and listening skills through small and large group activities. Students will refine composition skills and study advanced grammar. Optional topics chosen by the teacher may include culture, history, short stories, drama, and poetry.