



World Language Discussion

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Benefits of Learning Languages

- Great for the brain! Multiple cognitive benefits
- Improves our first language understanding
- Expands cultural awareness/ understanding
- Great for navigating travel
- Strengthens overall academic achievement
- Strengthens job prospects later

These benefits can happen without becoming fluent in a second language

Additional Lesson Learned

- More **choices** for language learning is fun
- Blended learning approach can allow for flexibility with **pace** and **place** of learning
- Language Learning supports our **5Cs** and **Strategic Plan**
- Our SCSD community **values language** learning
- We have **many viewpoints** about language learning

Basic Definitions of Courses

- **Exploratory Course:** A course presented as a sampling of offerings. Emphasis is on exposure, which might lead to a more focused choice later.
- **General Elective Course:** A choice-based course, based on interest of the student. Not a required course.
- **Required Course:** A required course for all students.

Possible Course Pathways for Language Learning

	4th-6th grades	7th grade	8th grade
Exploratory	Explore →	Explore →	Explore
Elective	Explore →	Choose →	Choose
Required	Explore →	Require →	Require

Exploratory Pathway Overview

- Focus on exploration of one or more languages
- Blended approach using online curriculum and in class language practice.
- Emphasis on personalized approach: Pace, Path, Place and People are flexible
- Multi-Cultural exploration and celebration embedded

Elective Pathway Overview

- Initial focus on exploration of one or more languages
- Choice made to focus on specific language offered at school
- Emphasis on in-class instruction with fluent language instructor
- Course offerings determined by interest
- Possible Language choices:
 - French
 - Spanish
 - other?

Required Pathway Overview

- Initial focus on exploration of one or more languages
- Requirement to focus on a specific language offered at school, possible choice offered for which language to pursue
- Emphasis on in-class instruction with fluent language instructor
- Possible Language choices:
 - French
 - Spanish
 - other?

SUHSD Requirements for Students to Skip 1st Year of Language Course

- Completion of 2 years of Language (7th and 8th grade)
- Signature acknowledgement by MS language teacher that student has successfully completed HS year 1 course (SUHSD will provide HS year 1 syllabus to language teachers)