

*World Languages*

*Department*

Longfellow Middle School



# Why World Language?

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The primary goals of the world language program in Fairfax County Public Schools are to ensure that students:

- Communicate in languages other than English.
- Gain knowledge and understanding of other cultures.
- Connect with other disciplines and acquire information.
- Develop insight into the nature of language and culture.
- Participate in multicultural communities at home and around the world.

# Graduation Requirements

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- For an Advanced Studies Diploma, students are required to earn three credits of World Language, which may be fulfilled with three years of one language or two years of two languages
- Credits earned in Middle School count toward this requirement

# Overview of Offerings

	<b>Chinese</b>	<b>French</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	<b>Latin</b>
<b>7th Grade</b>	Chinese 1*	French 1A French Immersion 1*	Spanish 1A Spanish 1*	
<b>8th Grade</b>	Chinese 1* Chinese 2*	French 1B* French Immersion 2* French 1*	Spanish 1B* Spanish 1* Spanish 2*	Latin 1*

\* **High School Credit Class** - will appear on the high school transcript

# 1A & 1B (Spanish and French)

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- Full year high school course content spread over two years
- Students take 1A in 7th grade and 1B in 8th grade
- Students must take both 1A and 1B to get the credit
- Course grade from 1B is on the HS transcript

# Spanish 1A vs. Spanish 1

## Spanish 1A

- Students who would benefit more from additional practice and a moderate-paced class to improve their listening, reading, speaking, and writing skills

## Spanish 1

- Students who are ready for the challenge of a fast-paced high school course
- Students who have strong organization and study skills

# French Immersion 1

**Prerequisite:** Participation in the Two-Way Immersion Program in grades 1-6  
*Students earn one high school credit, upon successful completion of this course.*  
*The grade will appear on their high school transcript.*

## Themes

- ~ Talking about likes and dislikes
- ~ Asking about and describing people
- ~ Talking about family members
- ~ Chores, classes, school supplies
- ~ Colors, days of the week, months, food, numbers
- ~ Making plans
- ~ Describing weather
- ~ Describing a house
- ~ Shopping for clothing

# Questions?

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Please contact Dana Bayer ([dabayer@fcps.edu](mailto:dabayer@fcps.edu)),  
Assistant Principal, with any questions you may  
have