



The World Languages



Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School

The World Language Instructors

JAPANESE

Crystal Molina
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Levels: 1-4 & IB
*20 Years Experience
*EF Tour Leader to Japan
*Japanese Honor Society Advisor

There are field trips to Japanese Art Exhibits, Japanese Grocery Stores, and Authentic Japanese Restaurants.

Other Opportunities:
*Non-school sponsored tours to Japan.
Upcoming June 2024
*Japanese National Honor Society is available for students that are eligible.

Website



FRENCH

Elise Nelson
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French Levels: 1-4
*5 Years Experience

FRENCH is an indispensable language to learn, boasting a staggering 321 million speakers worldwide, making it an essential tool for global exchange. It holds a special place as the official language in 88 states & governments, serving as a diplomatic and international language of choice. As a passionate native speaker, I am committed to sharing the rich cultural heritage, literature, and art while fostering a deeper appreciation for French's global significance.

CHINESE

Bingxue Yang
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Levels: 1-3
*4 Years Experience

Mandarin is the official state language of China and the most widely spoken Chinese dialect. It is spoken in many of the largest cities in China, including Beijing and Shanghai. Mandarin is more widely spoken than any other form of Chinese – with some 955 million native speakers globally. That's 14% of the world's total population.

SPANISH

Gia Oke-Bello
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Levels: 1-4, AP, IB
*30 Years Experience

Learning a new language helps students to learn more about the world and other cultures. Students become more competitive in the job market. I have hope to share a passion of Spanish and education with students!

Website



SPANISH

Daniel Hawley
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Levels: 1, 2
*20 Years Experience

Spanish classes are engaging with activities that motivate students to participate and learn Spanish in a fun and interesting way. They will become a language life-long learner and be their best selves!

SPANISH

Vanina Decker
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Levels: Heritage
*10 years Experience

Born and raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This is Mrs. Decker's first time in the USA and just arrived in June of 2023.

Mrs. Decker has a law degree and education degree. She loves to play the piano. Please come see her in room 1711 to view her cultural corner of Argentina.

Information about World Languages

A COMPETITIVE EDGE!

Did you know that studying a second language can improve entrance exam scores— SATs, ACTs, GREs, MCATs, and LSATs? Research has shown that math and verbal SAT scores climb higher with each additional year of foreign language study, which means that the longer you study a foreign language, the stronger your skills become to succeed in school. Studying a foreign language can improve your analytic and interpretive capacities. And three years of language study on your record will catch the eye of anyone reading your job or college application. If you've already learned a language other than English at home, expanding your knowledge of its vocabulary, grammar, culture, and literature—at the same time you are learning English—will also improve your chances for success in school and in your career.

WHICH LANGUAGE???

There's no one answer. Here are the twelve most likely to be offered in your college: Spanish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Hebrew, Greek, Chinese, Arabic, and Portuguese. Swahili, American Sign Language, and Navajo—and 121 other languages—are also taught in American high schools, colleges, and universities. Whatever language you choose, learning it will make a difference in how you see the world and in how the world sees you!

A GLOBAL ECONOMY!

More and more businesses work closely with companies in other countries. They need many different kinds of workers who can communicate in different languages and understand other cultures. No matter what career you choose, if you've learned a second language, you'll have a real advantage. A technician who knows Spanish, the head of a company who knows Japanese, or a salesperson who knows French can work successfully with many more people and in many more places than someone who knows only one language.

A GLOBAL ECONOMY!

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Nurses, doctors, or police officers may need to speak more than one language to do their jobs well. Hotel managers or journalists who know English and Spanish or English and Japanese may look much better at promotion time than people who know only English. Professionals who know other languages are called on to travel and exchange information with people in the United States and other countries throughout their careers. Knowing more than one language enhances opportunities.

“ If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart. ” -Nelson Mandela-