

From our students:

"It's not learning a language; it's learning a culture. The cultures have so many connections to our lives and it always surprises me when I make a new connection."

Jessica Deas

"For Christmas, when I was younger I visited my family in Canada and ever since then I have wanted to study French at P.V."

Alyssa Grebmeier

"Taking Spanish has built my confidence in public speaking and has driven me to pursue language in college."

Claire Morrison

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◆ **Spanish**
◆ **French**



Which language should you study?

Success in a second language depends primarily on your motivation and hard work. All classes have some homework and require studying outside of class.

More than likely, you will study this language for two to four years, so think about why you would like to learn a language when deciding which language to study.

- **What are your interests in and out of school?**
- **Do you plan to travel overseas for business or recreation?**
- **Do you want to meet new people and learn about other cultures?**

Learning a second language will make a difference in how you see the world and how the world sees you!

Which level should you take?

Most students begin with Level I when they enter high school.

However, if you have had significant previous experience with the language you wish to take, you may take a placement examination, which may place you in a level II, III or IV class, depending on your abilities and experience.

Also, for native speakers and heritage learners of Spanish, we offer *Spanish for Spanish Speakers*.



Learning a second language:

- has a positive effect on intellectual growth and enriches and enhances a child's mental development.
- leaves students with more flexibility in thinking, greater sensitivity to language, and a better ear for listening.
- improves a child's understanding of his/her native language.
- gives a child the ability to communicate with people s/he would otherwise not have the chance to know.
- opens the door to other cultures and helps a child understand and appreciate people from other countries.
- gives a student a head start in language requirements for college.
- increases job opportunities in many careers where knowing another language is a real asset.

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