

World Languages Programs

Course Offerings & Diploma Requirements



Elementary School (Grades K–5)

Dual-Language Spanish-English Immersion	Key & Claremont only - Content Instruction in Spanish and English
FLES (Foreign Language in Elementary Schools)	All other elementary schools - 90–120 min/week of Spanish instruction*

* At Hoffman-Boston, FLES is offered in grades K–1 in 2016–17, and in an additional grade each school year thereafter.

Middle School (Grade 6) - Continue studying Spanish or start another language

Spanish Immersion School	Gunston only - Continue dual-language immersion
1 Semester of World Language & 1 Semester of another subject	Jefferson only – Most Jefferson students take a language, which is taught through the year, every other day. Language instruction alternates with PE, Technology or Music instruction.
1 Semester of World Language & 1 Semester of English Reading	Spanish taught at all schools. Other languages taught vary by school (see chart below). Language is taught all year every other day, alternating with Reading. Students must demonstrate that they read English “at level.” <i>Students whose reading is not at level must enroll in a full year of English Reading instead of a world language.</i>
No World Language	All middle schools except Jefferson - Students may opt to take a full year of English Reading in place of a world language. Students at Gunston, Kenmore and Williamsburg may choose to take an Exploratory Wheel elective course with a world language component.

Course Title	HBW	Gunston	Kenmore	Jefferson	Swanson	WMS
Introduction to American Sign Language				√		
Introduction to Arabic				√		
Introduction to Chinese				√		
Introduction to French	√			√	√	
Introduction to Latin	√			√	√	
Introduction to Spanish	√	√	√	√	√	√
Transitional Spanish (after prior study in APS FLES)	√	√	√	√	√	√
Spanish for Fluent Speakers – Grade 6	√	√	√	√	√	√
Immersion Spanish (after 6 yrs or equivalent of Immersion)		√				
Intro to Language (as part of Exploratory Wheel)		√	√			√

Middle School (Grades 7 & 8)

Course Title	HBW	Gunston	Kenmore	Jefferson	Swanson	WMS
American Sign Language (ASL) 1-2				√		
Arabic 1–2	○	○	○	√	○	○
Chinese 1–2	○	○	○	√	○	○
French 1–2	√	√	√	√	√	√
Latin 1–2	√	○	○	√	√	√
Spanish 1–2	√	√	√	√	√	√
Intensified Arabic 1 / Intensified Chinese 1				√		
Intensified French 1*	√			√	√	
Intensified Latin 1*	√			√	√	
Intensified Spanish 1*	√	√	√	√	√	√
Spanish for Fluent Speakers 1-2	√	√	√	√	√	√
Immersion Spanish		√				

√ Course is taught by an in-class teacher.

○ Course is typically taught online, some with support from a teacher who visits the class 1-2 days per week.

* Open only to students who have demonstrated proficiency in the language by passing an Introduction course at a qualifying level, by successfully completing Transitional Spanish, or by acquiring a qualifying ability in the language by other means.

All courses will be offered; however, if enrollments are too low, a course may be cancelled.

Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities are encouraged to enroll in world language study. There are many cognitive and social benefits of learning a second language. Arlington teachers and schools are prepared to offer support and accommodations to help students to succeed in developing communication skills in another language.

High School (Grades 9–12)

Course Title	Arl. Tech	HBW	Wash-Lee	Wakefield	Yorktown
American Sign Language (ASL) 1–3		√	√	√	√
Arabic 1–5	○	○	○	○	○
Chinese 1–4	○	○	○	○	○
Chinese AP Language & Culture		○	○	○	○
Chinese IB 1–2			√		
French 1–5	○	√	√	√	√
French AP Language & Culture		√	√	√	√
French IB 1–2 / IB Hi 1–2			√		
Advanced Studies: French		√	√	√	√
German 1–3		○	○	○	○
German AP		○	○	○	○
Japanese 1–3		○	○	○	○
Latin 1–5		√	√	○	√
Latin AP		√	√	○	√
Advanced Studies: Latin		√	√	○	√
Latin IB 1–2 / IB Hi 1–2			√		
Spanish 1–5	√*	√	√	√	√
Spanish for Fluent Speakers 1–3		√	√	√	√
Spanish AP Language & Culture		√	√	√	√
Spanish AP Literature		√	√	√	√
Spanish IB 1–2 / IB Hi 1–2			√		
Spanish for Fluent Speakers IB 1–2			√		
Advanced Studies: Spanish		√	√	√	√
Spanish Immersion 1–2 (also includes courses in Biology & Financial Literacy in Spanish)				√	

√ *Course is taught by an in-class teacher.*


√* *Spanish 1–3 only, taught by an in-class teacher.*

○ *Course is typically taught online, some with support from a teacher who visits the class 1-2 days per week.*

↔ *For World Language courses at Arlington Tech, Arlington Career Center & Langston, please speak to your child's counselor.*

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World Language Diploma Requirements and Credit by Examination

<p>World Language Credit by Examination</p>	<p>Students who have proficiency in another language may take an examination and earn up to 4 world language credits. The test is given once a year, in November, and is offered in most languages.</p> <p>Proficiency results required to receive credit by examination:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Novice-Mid: 1 credit</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Novice-High: 2 credits</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Intermediate-Low: 3 credits</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Intermediate-Mid: 4 credits</td> </tr> </table> <p>Note: Accommodations are available for students with disabilities with IEPs.</p>	Novice-Mid: 1 credit	Novice-High: 2 credits	Intermediate-Low: 3 credits	Intermediate-Mid: 4 credits
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Intermediate-Low: 3 credits	Intermediate-Mid: 4 credits				
<p>Diploma Requirements for World Language</p>	<p>Standard Diploma: No specific World Language requirements.</p> <p>Advanced Studies Diploma:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 high school credits in a single world language <u>OR</u> • 2 credits each in 2 languages (total of 4 credits) 				
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Virginia State Diploma Seal of Bilingual Literacy</p> </div>	<p>The Virginia Board of Education's new Seal of Bilingual Literacy certifies that a student has achieved functional communicative proficiency in English <u>AND</u> another world language.</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Pass the 11th grade English SOL examination <u>AND</u> meet one of the requirements below to demonstrate proficiency in a World Language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Demonstrate a proficiency of at least Intermediate-Mid on an approved language proficiency test ➤ Pass an IB test in a world language at level 4 or better or an AP language test at level 3 or better. ➤ Score a 600 or better on a <u>Language</u> Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) 				

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