

World Languages Programs

Course Offerings and Diploma Requirements

2021 – 22



Elementary School Courses (K-5)

Dual-Language Spanish-English Immersion	Key & Claremont only Content Instruction in Spanish and English
Foreign Language at the Elementary School (Spanish)	Randolph IB Spanish

Middle School Courses (Grade 6)

Continue studying Spanish or start another language

Spanish Immersion School	Gunston only Continue dual-language immersion study
1 Semester of World Language & 1 Semester of English Reading	Languages offered vary by school (see below). Students must demonstrate that they read English “at level.” Students whose reading is NOT at level must enroll in a full year of English Reading instead of a world language.
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 and Kenmore may choose to take an Exploratory Wheel elective course with a world language component.

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

Middle School Grade 6 World Language Courses	HB Woodlawn	Gunston	Dorothy Hamm	Jefferson	Kenmore	Swanson	Williamsburg
Introduction to American Sign Language				√			
Introduction to Arabic				√			
Introduction to Mandarin Chinese				√			
Introduction to French	√			√		√	
Introduction to Latin	√			√		√	
Introduction to Spanish	√	√		√	√	√	√
Transitional Spanish	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Spanish for Fluent Speakers – Grade 6	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Immersion Spanish (after 6 years or equivalent of Spanish Immersion)		√					
Intro to Language (part of Exploratory Wheel)		√			√		

√ Instruction is provided by an in-class teacher.

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.

Middle School Courses (Grades 7 & 8)

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

Middle School Grades 7 & 8 World Language Courses	HB Woodlawn	Gunston	Dorothy Hamm	Jefferson	Kenmore	Swanson	Williamsburg
American Sign Language 1-2	√	√**	√	√			√
Arabic 1–2	O	√	√	√	√	√	
Chinese 1–2	O	√	√	√	√	√	√
French 1–2	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Latin 1–2	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Spanish 1–2	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Intensified Spanish 1*		√	√	√	√	√	√
Intensified French 1* and Latin 1*				√		√	
Spanish for Fluent Speakers 1-2	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Immersion Spanish		√					

√ Course is taught by an in-class teacher.

O Course is taught online.

* 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.

**ASL 2 will be offered in 2022-23

High School (Grades 9–12)

World Language course offerings are shown in the table on the next page. *All courses will be offered; however, if enrollments are too low, a course may be cancelled.*

Diploma Requirements for World Language

Standard Diploma

No specific world language requirements.

Advanced Studies Diploma

- 3 high school credits in a single world language *OR*
- 2 credits each in 2 languages (total of 4 credits)
- Accommodations are available for students with disabilities and IEPs. SB 323

Earning High School Credit by Examination

Students who have proficiency in a world language may take an examination and earn up to a possible 4 world language credits. The test is given once a year in many languages. Students enrolled in 4th year language or language AP or IB are also tested in that language.

Proficiency levels required to receive credit by examination

Note: Accommodations are available for students with disabilities and IEPs.

Novice-High:	1 credit
Intermediate-Low:	2 credits
Intermediate-Mid:	3 credits
Intermediate-High or higher:	4 credits

Virginia State Diploma Seal of Biliteracy

The Virginia Board of Education's **Seal of Biliteracy** certifies that a student has achieved functional communicative proficiency in English and another world language.

Virginia Seal of Biliteracy Requirements:

- Pass the 11th grade English SOL examination and meet the Virginia Department of Education requirements: https://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/graduation/diploma_seals/seal_of_biliteracy/guidelines.pdf



High School Courses (Grades 9–12)

High School: Grades 9–12 World Language Courses	HB Woodlawn	Washington- Liberty	Wakefield	Yorktown	Career Center
American Sign Language (ASL) 1–4	√	√	√	√	√
Arabic 1–5	O	√*	√	√	O
Arabic IB 1-2		√			
Chinese 1–4	O	√	O	O	O
Chinese AP Language & Culture	O	√	O	O	O
Chinese IB 1–2		√			
French 1–5	√	√	√	√	√
French AP Language & Culture	√	√	√	√	
French IB SL 1–2 / IB Hi 1–2		√			
German 1**–3	CC	CC/ O	CC/ O	CC/ O	√
Japanese 1–3		√	√	√	
Latin 1–5	√	√	CC	√	√
Latin AP	√	√		√	
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 SL 1–2 / IB Hi 1–2		√			
Spanish Literary Analysis for Fluent Speakers IB 1–2		√			
Advanced Studies: Spanish	√				
Spanish Language Arts 9			√		
Spanish Immersion (Biology & Chemistry taught in Spanish)			√		

√ Course is taught by an in-class teacher.

O Course is typically delivered online.

CC Instruction is provided at the Career Center. Wakefield students commute by bus.

*Arabic 1-4 at W&L followed by IB Arabic 1-2

**German I offered at Career Center only

***Career Center is Spanish 1-4 with Level 4 being Dual Enrolled at APS & NOVA (Community College)

