



World Languages Course & Program Information



JOIN A WORLD LANGUAGES COURSE!

OBJECTIVES

- **Outline World Languages course options & pathways**
- **Detail AP, IB, Dual Enrollment & Seal of Biliteracy opportunities**
- **Clarify course expectations & share benefits of learning another language**



VOICES FROM OUR PROGRAM

National Foreign Language Week



OFFERINGS & DIPLOMA REQS.

Languages Offered:

American Sign Language (ASL)

Arabic

Chinese

French

German*

Japanese*

Latin

Spanish

Spanish for Fluent Speakers (SFS)

(*HS only, offered at ACC)

Advanced Studies Diploma

Minimum World Language
requirements for students to be
eligible to earn an *Advanced Studies*
Diploma upon graduation:

- Three years of one language
 - *ie. Arabic 1, 2, & 3*

OR

- Two years of two languages
 - *ie. Spanish 1 & 2; ASL 1 & 2*



All full-year language courses are
high school credit-bearing courses.



POSSIBLE LANGUAGE PATHWAYS

SAMPLE WORLD LANGUAGE PROGRESSION

(Wheel & Exploratory courses may be offered in 6th Grade)

	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Start in 7th	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5/DE/IB 1	AP/IB 2
Start in 8th	-	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5/DE
Start in 9th	-	-	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4

Elementary Level (K-5)

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Secondary Level

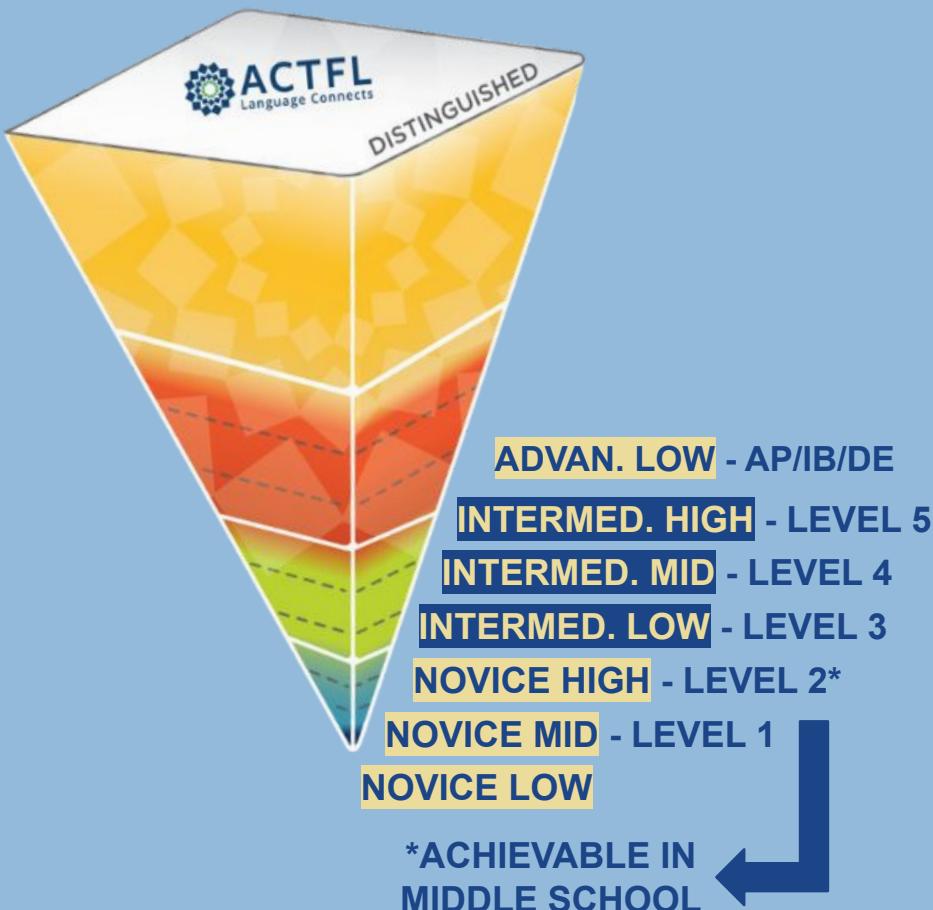
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There are eight languages offered across Arlington Public Schools at the secondary level. In addition, the Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program continues at the secondary level.

To gain an understanding of the common course progression pathways available, by language, view the linked [APS World Language Course Progression Flowcharts](#).



WORLD LANGUAGES EXPECTATIONS & SUPPORTS



Students should take a language in middle school with the **intent of reaching the highest level/most rigorous coursework** offered in high school

(Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate - opportunities for college credit)

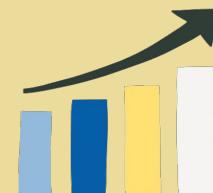
Students have an opportunity to test for and earn eligibility for the **Seal of Biliteracy** embedded in their upper-level coursework

Aside from Virginia Advanced Studies Diploma requirements, many universities are looking to see **four years of language learning in high school**

(Building on work done in middle school; committing to the 2nd language if switching after two years)

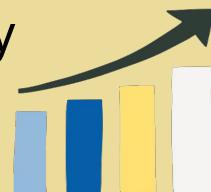
BENEFITS OF LEARNING ANOTHER LANGUAGE

- Enhanced problem-solving & self-confidence
- Improved verbal and spatial abilities
- Improved memory function
- Increased standardized test scores
- Increased flexible and creative thinking
- Expanded vocabulary in native language
- Expanded perspective of associated culture



OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

- **The World Languages Governor's Academy:** 3-week residential study for rising 11th–12th graders
- **National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y):** fully funded, short-term international language immersion
- **Arlington Sister Cities Association:** short term, international exchange program with Aachen, Germany



THANK YOU!

- Counselor
- World Language teacher(s)
- Office of World Languages

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