

Things to Keep in Mind for World Languages

- You need one year of foreign language or fine art to graduate from ORHS.
- California State Universities and the University of California **require** two years of the **same** foreign language but **recommend** three years.
- You can start a language in any year, but if you want to take advanced classes (level 4 or AP), you should start by the fall of your freshman year.
- You will have more flexibility in your schedule for advanced courses if you start languages in your freshman year.
- Oak Ridge offers college credit for Spanish and French classes starting in level 3.
- You can earn college credit by taking an AP (Advanced Placement) language class in French or Spanish.



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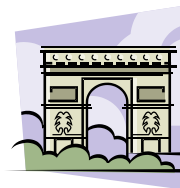
Why Study World Languages?

- The World Economy** As the United States becomes more economically interdependent with other nations, Americans in business will need to speak languages other than English in order to communicate with business associates in other lands. Workers who can speak another language will have an edge over those who cannot.
- Diversity** As California becomes more diverse, more and more Californians will need to know another language in order to get along with their neighbors and attract clients or customers.



In a changing world, studying another language enables students to interact with others in new and productive ways.

- Broadening Horizons** Learning another language broadens the horizons of students. They learn to communicate with others in another language, but they also learn about other cultures and different ways of life. These experiences make students more open-minded and respectful of differences.
- Advantages for College** People who have studied and can speak a world language other than their own do significantly better on their SAT scores. Many college majors require students to be able to speak a foreign language.



- State Seal of Bilingualism**
- Students who complete a level 4 language class may qualify for the State Seal of Bilingualism on their diplomas.

French

- Here in the U.S.** French and French Creole are the 4th most widely spoken languages in the U.S.
- Business** France is one of the leading host countries of American investments in Europe, and 1200 French businesses have operations in America, employing 500,000 workers. US companies employ around 600,000 people in France. In 2006, the US exported and imported more to countries having French as a national language than to countries having any other foreign language. The province of Quebec in Canada is our sixth largest trading partner.
- Diplomacy** After English, French is the most popular official language of countries around the world and one of six official languages of the United Nations. French is spoken on five continents and 28 nations have French as an official language. 220 million people speak French worldwide and 75 million speak French as a first language. French is widely spoken in Africa.
- Science and Technology** France is a world leader in Science and Technology research and development. Students who can read French have access to cutting-edge research before their non-French speaking peers.
- France** France is a beautiful, inspiring place, full of many wonders including beautiful architecture and inspiring art. A trip to France can be the trip of a lifetime, especially if one speaks French!
- Food** French is the language of culinary excellence. Students wishing to study the culinary arts in France will need to speak French. We incorporate French food throughout the entire curriculum.



**Fashion**  
French is the language of fashion designers and the fashion business.

