

WORLD LANGUAGE OPTIONS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

February 3, 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians of Current Grade 6 Students:

Current Grade 6 students have the **option** of taking French or Spanish in Grade 7. The World Language program is a two-year program that prepares students to take French II or Spanish II in Grade 9 and enables students to pursue World Language study through the Advanced Placement level during high school.

All students with a strong interest in learning a language will need to consider the following information:

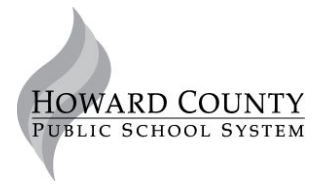
- The World Language course is a rigorous academic subject in addition to the four required courses in English, mathematics, science, and social studies. The World Language course will involve regular homework, varied and multiple assessments, and an end of 8th grade course assessment.
- In Grades 7 & 8, World Language is offered every day for a full year, in a daily 50-minute class.
- Enrollment in the World Language program is a two-year commitment that prepares students for higher levels of World Language in high school. Students will receive high school credit after successfully completing the middle school World Language course. The student's final grade for the course in 8th grade will appear on their high school transcript.
- Providing World Language for all interested students requires staffing based on student enrollment. Funding and the availability of highly qualified teachers are also critical factors. If additional staff is not available and/or if more students express an interest in taking a World Language than space allows, students will be scheduled using a lottery process. Students submitting forms past the deadline, or those not chosen in a lottery, will be placed on a waiting list.
- Students who take a World Language may be limited in their exposure of other related arts courses. Related arts classes include: art, technology education, family and consumer science, general music, health education and physical education. All students will still be required to take PE, health and a fine arts course each year.
- Students and parents should carefully consider the additional rigor of coursework when discussing the World Language option. Students need to be highly motivated, express a strong degree of interest, and be willing to work hard. Students demonstrating academic gaps, especially in reading and mathematics, should carefully consider not taking World Language at this time. It is important to note that the high school schedule provides many options to access World Language at that level.

Every Parent/Guardian and student needs to complete and return the attached form by **Thursday, February 13, 2020**, to your child's **PERIOD 5** teacher. As a reminder, placement of all interested students into World Language is contingent upon funding, class size, and teacher recruitment. Please do not hesitate to call your school counselor should you need assistance.

Sincerely,



Melissa Shindel
Principal



World Language Interest Form
2020 – 2021 School Year

Child's Name: _____ Current Grade: 6

PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTIRE FORM TO YOUR STUDENT'S PERIOD 5 TEACHER BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020.

Please check all that apply regarding your child's choices for taking a World Language at Lake Elkhorn Middle School.

1. I request that my student be enrolled in the following 'first choice' World Language class for 7th and 8th grade:

- French (please also answer question 2 below)
Spanish (please also answer question 2 below)
I DO NOT wish for my student to participate in world language at this time.

2. If my child's 'first choice' class is not available, he/she

- Will accept enrollment in a 'second choice' language
Will not accept enrollment in a 'second choice' language

Student's Name: _____ Period 5 Teacher: _____

Your signature below indicates that you have read and understand the information above, in addition to the information contained in the enclosed letter about World Language options.

Parent/Guardian's Name Parent/Guardian's Signature Date

Questions / Comments:

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LEMS USE:

Date Received: _____ Received by: _____

Students who turn in forms after the deadline will be placed on a waitlist.