

Benefits of Foreign Language in Elementary School

Research shows that learning a foreign language in elementary school **provides greater mental flexibility**, creativity, divergent thinking skills, higher-order thinking skills, and improved listening and memory skills.

Elementary **students are more open-minded and eager** to learn about the world around them and enthusiastic about different cultures. This helps lead to a more positive attitude toward other countries and people of the world.

The young student is **more receptive to learning** another language and, developmentally, is at a critical period for language acquisition.

Recent brain research and the research in second language acquisition indicate that young children have a **natural aptitude for language development**.

In order to prepare our children for a culturally changing world and the larger global community we must give them the **tools to understand the new challenges ahead**. Students need to become proficient in other languages, broaden their global awareness and realize language as a phenomenon.



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Foreign Language Program



Acts 2:11 ...we

hear them speaking

in our own languages about the great deeds

God has done!"

French, German, Spanish
Early Fives through Eighth Grade

Foreign Language Program



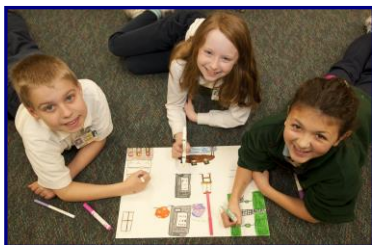
Lively, hands-on activities increase student interest in foreign languages.

Early Fives through 4th Grade

Spanish

Our exploratory program is an introduction to the Spanish language. We work to develop the four language skills of speaking, listening, basic reading and writing as well as an appreciation of Hispanic culture. A multisensory approach is employed to involve each student while covering basic vocabulary, Spanish pronunciations and culture.

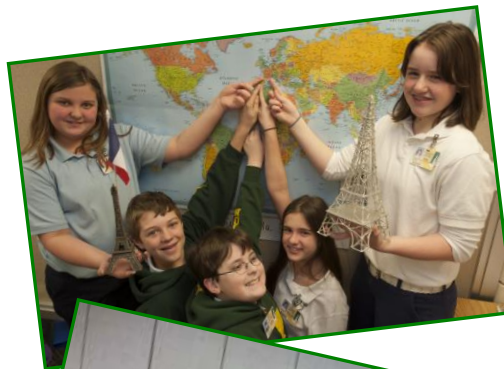
Students in Early Fives through Fourth grade have Spanish once a week.



5th Grade

French & Spanish

The Exploratory French and Spanish Program is an introduction to the French and Spanish languages and cultures. Exploratory students are exposed to basic conversational vocabulary, customs, and traditions of francophone and Hispanic speaking countries. Connections are often made to the students' core curriculum. The knowledge and skills acquired in Exploratory French and Spanish provide students with a global awareness and interest in continued study of foreign language.



Junior High

The 6th, 7th and 8th grade Foreign Language Program includes French, German and Spanish. Students are encouraged to study the language that most interests them. Our program provides daily, comprehensive instruction equivalent to Level I at secondary schools. Upon completion, qualified students are able to continue to Level II as they enter their freshman year in high school. Our program exposes students to foreign culture, cuisine, conversation, and grammar as the exciting activities, lessons, and field trips facilitate an environment rich in global diversity and a passport to lingual fluency.

