

Why study a foreign language?

1. It is a requirement for entering college.
2. A second language will make you more attractive to prospective employers, nationally or internationally.
3. It will improve your proficiency in English.
4. It will make you a well-rounded person.
5. It will make travel to foreign countries more exciting.



"The limits of my language are the limits of my world."
Ludwig Wittgenstein

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The world is becoming increasingly integrated in trade, manufacturing, and communications. Simultaneously competitiveness is increasing in the global job market both nationally and abroad. Speaking a foreign language will be one of the most effective advantages for possessing a competitive edge in securing the best jobs for the 21st century.



French (français)

French has traditionally been recognized as an influential business and political language. It is currently spoken in 43 countries. A great number of Canadians speak French. Canada's influence in all areas of business, politics, the arts, literature and tourism is developing rapidly. For students considering careers in diplomacy or international trade, it is a valuable second language.

Spanish (español)

Spanish is the fastest growing segment in Southern California and an integral part of California's heritage. Spanish is the second most widely spoken language in the United States and the principal language of most countries in the Western Hemisphere. Many students of Hispanic heritage choose to study the Spanish language in order to explore their roots.

Those selecting Spanish because they believe it to be the easiest will find it just as rich and complex as French.

State Seal of Biliteracy

The State Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by a school or district in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. The State Seal of Biliteracy appears on the transcript and the diploma of a graduating senior and is a statement of accomplishment for future employers and for college admissions.

There are a number of ways to qualify. To find out if you qualify, go to the counseling office & pick up the eligibility form or see your world language teacher for details.

French National Honor Society

The *Société Honoraire de Français* (SHF) is the National Honor Society for high school students of French, chartered by the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF). See Mr. Goodlander for details on how to become a member.

Spanish National Honor Society

The *Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica*, (SHH) is the National Honor Society for high school students of Spanish, chartered by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP). See Mrs. Awwad for details on how to become a member.

Additional benefits:

The Romance Language vocabularies comprise approximately 50% of English root words. It is no surprise then that students become more proficient in their own language as they develop second language skills.

Because of the social aspect of learning a culture and language together, many students have said learning a foreign language was one of the best parts of their high school years. Some of the highlights included weekend foreign language camps, field trips to Olvera St. and local restaurants, food days, fashion shows, etc...

Just as we will increasingly use computers to communicate and problem-solve, the same can be said of language proficiency. The leaders of tomorrow will be as obsolete without knowledge of a second language as they will be without knowledge of the computer.

