

Department: World Languages

Course Name: Introduction to World Language

Course Description: This course for 7th grade students is intended to provide equal exposure to the modern languages of Spanish and French in 2 semester-long classes. The course will include instruction in grammar, vocabulary, and culture as well as connecting the students' study of a second language to their knowledge of English. Students will be introduced to World Language study and learn strategies that will help them along their future path to proficiency. At the end of their 7th grade year, students will be able to make a better-informed decision about the world language that best suits their interests and strengths as a student.

Content:

Students will explore the role of language and make connections between their own language and other world languages. They will identify where different languages are spoken, learn basic greetings and introductions, and practice giving simple information about themselves, their daily routines, and their surroundings. Students will also describe schedules, including telling time, days of the week, and months, and share information about their leisure activities, sports, and hobbies. Additionally, they will learn about young people, popular pastimes, and daily life in other global societies, using these topics to practice speaking, listening, reading, and writing in simple and meaningful ways.

Skills:

- Greet others and introduce themselves in the target language
- Share basic personal information about themselves, their family, and daily life
- Describe schedules, routines, and activities using time expressions, days, and months
- Talk about hobbies, sports, and leisure activities
- Identify where different languages are spoken and make connections between languages and cultures
- Compare aspects of their own life with those of young people in other global societies
- Comprehend simple spoken and written phrases about familiar topics
- Ask and answer simple questions in conversations
- Write basic sentences or short paragraphs to communicate personal information
- Begin to use vocabulary and grammar independently in meaningful contexts

Text and Materials:

- teacher curated resources will be provided

Methods of Instruction:

- Teacher-led explanations and demonstrations of vocabulary, basic grammar, and sentence structures
- Guided practice with speaking, listening, reading, and writing exercises
- Interactive speaking activities, including greetings, introductions, short dialogues, and partner/group conversations
- Listening comprehension exercises using simple audio clips, videos, songs, and teacher-read passages
- Reading practice with short texts, dialogues, charts, and authentic materials adapted for beginners
- Writing practice including sentences, short paragraphs, and structured exercises

- Games, songs, and multimedia activities to reinforce vocabulary and grammar in engaging ways
- Cultural explorations through comparisons with young people and daily life in other global societies
- Project-based and collaborative learning, such as posters, presentations, or short skits to practice language in context
- Formative assessments like in-class exercises, exit tickets, and check-ins to provide ongoing feedback

Methods of Evaluation:

- Oral assessments: simple dialogues, introductions, short presentations, and class participation
- Listening assessments: comprehension exercises using audio clips, videos, and teacher-read passages
- Reading assessments: comprehension questions, short texts, and adapted authentic materials
- Written assessments: vocabulary and grammar exercises, sentences, short paragraphs, and structured writing tasks
- Homework and practice assignments: worksheets, vocabulary practice, and writing exercises
- Projects and collaborative tasks: posters, skits, role-plays, or short group presentations
- Formative checks: in-class exercises, exit tickets, and informal teacher feedback to monitor progress
- Cumulative assessments: unit quizzes and end-of-term tests integrating vocabulary, grammar, and communication skills

