

World Languages Department

German
Japanese
Spanish

Greetings!

Thank you for visiting our department! Every day we strive to inspire students to appreciate and embrace the language and culture they are learning! In our language classes you will learn the language, culture, and history of the people that speak German, Japanese, and Spanish. World Language classes teach students how to think critically about the world around them, solve problems, consider other perspectives, be more flexible and creative, and connect with people around the world. Making the decision to learn a new language is very exciting and we hope you will be one of our students!

Mrs. Delariva
World Languages Chair

What are the requirements to take a language?

None! We recommend that the student be interested in the language, be willing to participate in class activities, and ask questions frequently! There are no prerequisites to take a world language! Everyone is welcome!

Is learning a language difficult?

Learning a language is not difficult, but it does take time, patience, and practice. While each language learns different things, they all offer the same opportunity for success!



Questions? Contact Mrs. Delariva at bdelariv@highland.k12.in.us

Which language should I learn?

The language and culture you are most interested in! We have three great options - German, Japanese, and Spanish! Our students are most successful when they learn a language they are excited about!

What are the benefits of learning a language?

Learning a new language can help improve **memory**, **critical thinking**, and **problem-solving** skills.

Learning a new language can open up new job **opportunities** and can make you more **valuable** in the global job market.

Being able to speak a foreign language can help improve **communication** and **understanding** with people from different cultures.

Learning a new language can make it easier to **travel** and navigate in foreign countries, and can help you more fully **experience** and **appreciate** other cultures.

Some other benefits of learning a foreign language are that it can help you to achieve better **test scores** and **grades**, and it can also help you to better **understand** your own native language.

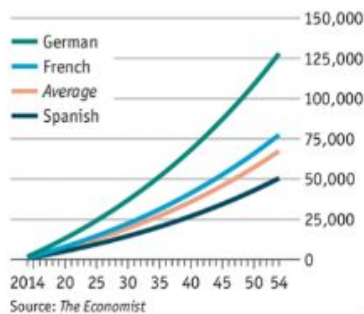


German: Eine gute Idee!



Students who learn a language will earn more than the average college grad, and those who learn German get the **biggest salary bonus in lifetime earnings.**

Accumulated language bonuses
Forecasts, €



Student who take four years of German can earn up to 14 **college credits** as high school students!

German is a **dominant language** in fields like science, math, history, music, etc. In many American universities, it is the world language that is required or recommended most-often, especially for majors like engineering, biology, and business.



German and English are very **similar!**

Sommer - summer
Apfel - apple
Musik - music
Familie - family
Oktober - October
Schuh - shoe
Haus - house
Maus - mouse



Over **1,000 German companies** do business in the U.S. Germany has Europe's top economy, is the 4th largest economy in the world, and is the world's largest exporter!



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WHY LEARN JAPANESE?



Did you know? More Americans are learning Japanese than at any time in history. Japanese is one of the top five foreign languages studied in the US.

By Ambassador John Malott (Updated in 2021)



Japan's Scientific & Technological Power

- Japan is a **world leader in 21st century industries** such as energy, medical research and pharmaceuticals, environmental technology, transportation, telecommunications, digital imaging, materials research, and robotics.
- In 2019 Japanese companies ranked **2nd in the number of patent applications** filed with the US Patent and Trademark Office
- In the 21st century, Japanese researchers have won **18 Nobel prizes in the science**



Japan's Alliance and Partnership with the United States

- A **major military ally** of the United States and foreign policy partner worldwide
- A **key player in Asia**, a region that is critical to US interests
- A **partner** in negotiating global security, trade, and environmental agreements
- A **great democracy** with which the US has developed strong educational, cultural, and people to people ties for over 75 years.



Japan's Economic Power

- Japan is the world's **3rd largest economic power**
- Japan is one of America's **top 4 trading partners**
- Japan is the **largest foreign investor in the US**, with a cumulative total of \$619 billion in direct investment.
- **Over 1.5 million US jobs are created** thanks to US trade and investment with Japan.
- Japanese is the **4th most in-demand language** among US employers.
- The Japanese yen is the **3rd most widely used currency**



Benefits for Getting into College

- College admissions look for students who challenge themselves and **stand out from the crowd**, and Japanese does that.
- Japanese is a College Board AP (Advanced Placement) language.
- Because Japanese is different from European languages, students say it **develops their study skills**, which carries over into other subjects.
- Japan is one of the **top 10 destinations for Americans to study abroad**.



Learning Japanese Also Means Learning about a Fascinating Country

- Students say learning about Japanese society and culture is **fun** and motivates them to pursue their language study.
- Learning Japanese **takes students "beyond" their own culture** and gives them new ways of thinking about the world and their own country.
- Learning Japanese **gives students new ideas and insights from one of the world's most advanced societies**.



Japan's Global Cultural and Business Power

From Frank Lloyd Wright to Steve Jobs, from Hello Kitty to sushi, from hybrid cars to robotics, Japan has had a **major cultural and business influence on the US**, in

- Art and architecture
- Cuisine and fashion
- Consumer electronics
- Interior and graphic design
- Literature and film
- Music and theatre
- Product design
- Transportation

Why Learn Spanish?

Five Good Reasons to Take Spanish Class.



Second-Most Spoken Language

The chart above illustrates the top-spoken languages in the world.



Enjoy the ease of Spanish learning

Spanish is almost completely phonetic and has a lot in common with English.



Helps in Getting a Job

Having a second language like Spanish on a resume increases one's possibilities of getting a job.



High School Requirement

There are no prerequisites to take a world language! Everyone is welcome!

Plenty of opportunities

You will find many opportunities to practice Spanish in your own community.