

# **World Languages**

American Sign Language • French • Spanish

Which language would you like to learn?

## Benefits of learning another language

- Enhance your travel experiences and connect with others through a wider range of people and communities. Gain new perspectives and learn about other cultures.
- Stand out in a competitive job market Knowing another language sets you apart from your monolingual peers. You can study or work abroad.
- Boost brain power Studies show many cognitive benefits of learning another language, including improved memory, enhanced listening and problem-solving skills and longer attention span.
- Improve your knowledge of your first language.

### AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL)

- ASL is one of the most widely used languages in the U.S. and the fourth most studied second language at American universities.
- Up to 2 million people speak ASL in North America.
- Communicate with a wide range of hearing, hard of hearing and deaf individuals.
- Class offered: American Sign Language I, American Sign Language II, American Sign Language III

#### **FRENCH**

- More than 220 million people speak French. It is a major language of international communication and the sixth most widely spoken language in the world.
- 50% of modern English words are derived from French. Knowledge of French will increase your proficiency in English.
- Discover a new appreciation for other cultures in countries that speak French: Belgium, Canada, France, Monaco, Switzerland and many African nations.
- <u>Classes offered:</u> French I, Accelerated French I, French II, Honors French III, Honors French III, French IV, AP French

#### **SPANISH**

- In the U.S., Spanish is spoken by 35 million people (around 10% of the U.S. population). This makes the U.S. home to the fourth largest Spanish-speaking population in the world.
- Spanish is the fourth most widely geographically used language in the world, spanning 44 countries.
- 68.8% of high school students and 52.2% of post-secondary students at schools with world language programs choose to study Spanish.
- <u>Classes offered:</u> Spanish I, Accelerated Spanish I, Spanish II, Honors Spanish III, Honors Spanish III, Spanish IV, AP Spanish