

## Our language programs

## French fluency program for bilingual children

- Objectives: Offer French-speaking students an opportunity to receive French instruction at the same level as they would in France. Classes are taught by some experienced French native teachers.
- Audience: French-speaking students of all grades, from PreK to 8th grade. Students are grouped by level.
- Programs: From PreK to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, we are following the Cours Sainte-Anne curriculum. In 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, we follow the official French curriculum as well as the Cours Hattemer curriculum
- Format:
- Classes taught in French exclusively.
- PreK and Kindergarten classes meet 3 periods/week; 1st-8th grade classes meet 5 times/week.
- Class sizes vary from 2 to 9 in 2019-2020.
- Annual fees apply.

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## French or Spanish as a second language

- Objectives: Develop cognitive abilities of children through exposure to another language. Studies show that learning a foreign language stimulates the brain, it helps use your own language more effectively, opens the mind and strengthens self esteem.
- Audience: students, from Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Programs: Kindergartners through 5<sup>th</sup> graders learn basic interpersonal communication skills, including how to introduce themselves in the target language, describe their immediate environment, express their needs and discover another culture. In 6th, 7th and 8th grade, students study a grade weighted Spanish or French class as part of their GPA.
- Format:
- K classes meet 1/week
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes meet 2/week
- 3<sup>rd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade classes meet 3/week.

In Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, students interact in the target language during class through songs, stories, educational games and start to learn to read and write. In the middle school levels, they move on to more writing and advanced language studies including grammar and reading skills.