

FAQ World Language

1. Is there a description of the different language courses?
Yes. The course guide provides a description of the different language courses. This may be found on the district web site under the district tab.
<http://www.dbqschools.org/district/curriculum/high-school-course-guides/>
2. Is there a best language to take?
No. The one that interests you the most. We feel student desire to learn the language and it's culture is the best indicator of what language is best.
3. Does everyone have to take a language in 9th grade?
No. If students know they only want a year or two they may wait and take level 1 of a language as an upperclassman.
4. How many years of a language do I have to take to graduate High School?
You need 1 year (2 credits) of World Cultures & Issues this includes language classes as well as World Cultures and Geography & Advance Placement Human Geography.
5. How many years of a language do I have to take to get into college?
College requirements differ greatly from college to college and even within the college. We recommend at least 2 to get to most, but some require more to get out. If you know where you might go it is best to check with that college and know the **exit** requirements for a language.
6. Do you have AP language classes?
No. We do not have AP classes. Many colleges offer a placement test for credit.
7. Can I take more than 1 language at a time?
Yes. We recommend you wait a year or 2 and then start the next language.
8. If I have had some prior language study can I advance to the next level?
Yes. We would give you a placement test and ask you to do an essay as well as a speaking. Based on that we would determine if you were ready for the next level.
9. If I am a native speaker can I take the language I speak?
Yes. If you feel you have more to learn we can test you and see what level would be best. If you are already proficient it would be good to start a 3rd language.
10. Can language be taken as Independent study?
No. Students need to be in a class to experience all communication modes as well as cultural discussions.