

## FACTS:

- ◇ Interested in attending a 4-year college or university? You will need at least levels I and II in the same language.
- ◇ Take levels I & II in back to back semesters to ensure consistency and to prevent a gap in learning.
- ◇ Interested in attending a more competitive university, or making yourself stand out among thousands of other students & future employees? We strongly recommend continuing your language study into the higher levels—this shows colleges & employers that you are capable of commitment, and have demonstrated a willingness to challenge yourself.
- ◇ Colleges value levels 3, 4 & 5 as much as they value AP classes.
- ◇ The foreign language faculty at Wakefield are dedicated to their craft, & are passionate about language study. We have many years of experience between us, & have all traveled extensively.

**WHY LEARN ANOTHER LANGUAGE?**  
**BECAUSE...**

- It can raise your grades in other subjects.
- You've always wanted to be an international spy, right?
- Your future best friend may speak it.
- The bigger your world is, the bigger your heart.
- It makes you more creative.
- It's good for your brain.
- It can help you land an awesome job.
- It can help you conquer those bubble tests.
- It can help you get into your dream college.

Logos: middlebury interactive languages, WE are TEACHERS

## HOW DOES LANGUAGE LEARNING SUPPORT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT?

- ◆ Language learning correlates with higher academic achievement on standardized test measures.
- ◆ Language learning is beneficial in the development of students' reading abilities.
- ◆ Language learners transfer skills from one language to another.
- ◆ There is a correlation between second language learning and:
  - ◆ increased linguistic awareness.
  - ◆ students' ability to hypothesize in science.
  - ◆ higher scores on the SAT and ACT Tests.
- ◆ There is a correlation between high school foreign language study and higher academic performance at the college level.
- ◆ There is evidence bilingualism correlates with
  - ◆ increased cognitive development and abilities.
  - ◆ the offset of age-related cognitive losses.
  - ◆ attentional control on cognitive tasks.
  - ◆ problem solving ability.
  - ◆ improved verbal and spatial abilities.

Adapted from: <https://www.actfl.org/advocacy/what-the-research-shows>

“When you travel, you become a better citizen of the planet.”

It's not us versus them.

It's about how we are going to handle this together, get the most out of our lives, tolerate each other, celebrate our differences, and put ourselves in the mindset where we're more likely to **build bridges** and less likely to **build walls**.

-Rick Steves

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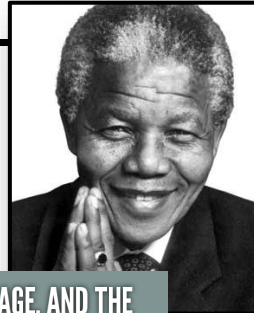


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If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head.

If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.

**Nelson Mandela**



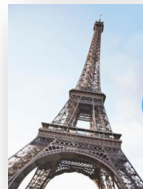
“LEARNING A FOREIGN LANGUAGE, AND THE CULTURE THAT GOES WITH IT, IS ONE OF THE MOST USEFUL THINGS WE CAN DO TO BROADEN THE EMPATHY AND IMAGINATIVE SYMPATHY AND CULTURAL OUTLOOK OF CHILDREN.”

MICHAEL GOVE

# Wakefield High School offers you the world!

## FRENCH

Levels I, II, III, IV, AP (*on demand*)  
Contact: Ms. Nora Bordt  
nbordt@wcpss.net



## GERMAN

Levels I, II, III, IV, V  
Contact: Mrs. Tracy Spampinato  
tspampinato@wcpss.net  
<http://tinyurl.com/whsfrauspam/>



## LATIN

Levels I, II, III Honors, IV and AP  
(*on demand*)  
Contact: Mrs. Karen Guy  
kguy@wcpss.net



## SPANISH

Spanish I, II, III, IV, & AP (*AP Language and Literature, offered in alternating years or semesters, based on demand*)

Contact: Mr. Nick Bowman, Ms. Annie Furches, or Ms. Deborah Sanchez-Macy

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## ESL [English as a Second Language]

We also offer comprehensive ESL classes to support our English Language Learners. We have ESL I, II, III, & ESL Applied, which helps integrate students into mainstream classes, and assists them in their classes to ensure their success.

**\*Please note—All levels 3 and higher are honors courses.**

**For details and further questions, please contact the World Language Department Chair, Mrs. Guy, or any**

## SUGGESTED COURSE OF SEQUENCE

### ARE YOU A RISING 9TH GRADER WITH...

*...previous middle school language experience, and recommendation from your teacher? Then this is your pathway:*

<b>9th Grade</b>	Sign up for Levels 2 & 3 ( <i>you may need a placement test before entering Level 1</i> ).
<b>10th Grade</b>	Sign up for Levels III & IV, or for IV & V. ( <i>These are honors classes.</i> )
<b>11th Grade</b>	Sign up for Levels IV or V and/or AP; or start Levels I & II in a new language.
<b>12th Grade</b>	Sign up for AP or Levels III & IV in the new language started in 11th.

### ARE YOU A RISING 9TH GRADER WHO IS ...

*...identified as AG in English or Math? Do you have excellent study habits and are highly motivated? Do you love languages? Then this is your pathway:*

<b>9th Grade</b>	Sign up for Levels I & II for the language of your choice.
<b>10th Grade</b>	Sign up for Levels III & IV. ( <i>These are honors classes.</i> )
<b>11th Grade</b>	Sign up for Levels V and/or AP; or start Levels I & II in a new language.
<b>12th Grade</b>	Sign up for AP or Levels III & IV in the new language started in 11th.

**Don't forget to ask about study abroad opportunities!**

***Are you a rising 10th or 11th grader who hasn't yet started your language classes? Then these are suggested pathways for you:***

<b>10th Grade</b>	Sign up for Levels I & II in the language of your choice.
<b>11th Grade</b>	Sign up for Levels I & II in the language of your choice. or If completed in 10th grade, then continue on to Levels III and IV in 11th.
<b>12th Grade</b>	Sign up for Levels III & IV, both of which are Honors classes, & will enhance your college application. or If completed the year before, sign up for Levels V and/or AP. <b>* It is strongly recommended that students do NOT sign up for just Level 1 starting in 12th grade. Students should start as early as possible, &amp; be sure to take Levels 1 &amp; 2 in consecutive semesters.</b>

