

Kennedy Junior High School
Course Descriptors for World Classical Language (WCL)

French or Spanish (2-Year Commitment)

Do you want to jump start your high school career? Do you want to be able to communicate with people who speak different languages? Do you want to have FUN while doing it? Then take French or Spanish!

Taking a World Language in the junior high affords students the opportunity to complete the Level I World Language curriculum. World Language instruction is a two-year program that must be chosen for **seventh grade**. In the junior high program, students may choose to acquire one of two languages: French **or** Spanish. At the end of the two-year program, students will have developed the communication skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, as well as understanding and appreciating different cultures and customs. It is important that students learn the vocabulary and structures of the language and use the content in a communicative and relevant way. In order to create a communicative model, students will interact frequently and meaningfully in the target language.

	French Units		Spanish Units	
7th grade	Greetings and courtesies Calendar, time and weather Describing people	School subjects and supplies Family members Where we live	Greetings and courtesies Time Calendar School subjects and supplies	Activities and opinions Describing people and family
8th grade	Clothing and shopping <u>Pirates</u> , a short novel in French	Travel & the French-speaking world Food and health	Where we live Clothing and shopping <u>Piratas</u> , a short novel in Spanish	Food-restaurants Vacations (including past tense)

Important FAQ Regarding Jr. High World Language

Q: If my child completes 2 years of World Language at the Junior High level, does it count as 1 year of High School World Language?

A: Yes, in terms of levels, NOT credit. 2 years of Spanish/French at Kennedy, is the equivalent of level 1 High School World Language and therefore, he/she will enroll in level 2 Spanish/French in high school. **It is important to understand that there is NO High School graduation credit given for the completion of 2 years of World Language at the Jr. High level.**

Q: If my child completes 2 years of Spanish/French at Kennedy, will he/she have to still take 2 years of World Language in High School?

A: Yes. If the college(s) your child wishes to attend requires 2 years of a World Language, your child will have to earn 2 High School credits in World Language. **Courses taken at the Jr. High level do NOT count for High School Credit.**

Q: If my child decides they no longer wish to continue with a World Language in 8th grade, can they enroll in the Exploratory program?

A: No. The decision to participate in the World Language program is a 2 year commitment.

Q: If my child enrolls in French in 7th grade and decides they may like Spanish better, can he/she enroll in Spanish for 8th grade?

A: No. The 8th grade program is a continuation of the 7th grade program.