

Hereford High School World Languages Department



Clubs



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

Nelson Mandela

Our courses

The World Languages Department at Hereford High School offers a complete and challenging language program for all students.

We currently offer students the choice of three languages: French, Spanish, and Chinese.

French, Spanish and Chinese programs offer classes from level 1 to 5/6 AP. Honors options are available at levels 3 and 4 with both levels 5 and 6 being designated AP.



Advanced Placement

Students enrolled in level 5 Chinese or Level 6 French and Spanish are eligible to sit for the AP Language and Culture Exams in May of the year of study. This is a challenging exam that tests a student's ability to read, write, speak, and understand the target language using only authentic materials. It is preferred that students take the test after level 6.



Did you know?

Students who successfully complete the Level 5/6 AP BCPS program are repeatedly placed in **300 level courses** in their respective languages at the university level.

SEAL OF BILITERACY

Students who achieve a 4 or 5 on an AP Language and Culture Exam are eligible to receive the MD State Seal of Biliteracy on their high school diploma.

Final Exams

Final exams for all World Languages Courses test a student's abilities to read, write, listen to, and speak the target language and are written as Integrated Performance Assessments (IPAs). With an IPA, students are tested in the three modes of communication: *Interpretive (listening/reading)*, *Interpersonal (speaking/writing)* and *Presentational (speaking/writing)*.

For the exam, students listen and read to information (*interpretive mode*) on a chosen theme related to the 4-5 themes studied during the academic year. Students discuss their comprehension (*interpersonal mode*) and are asked to create a written and oral product (*presentational mode*) that synthesizes the information learned. Students are graded on a rubric that determines their level of ability in each mode.



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Our clubs allow students the opportunity to interact with other students studying the same language and to participate in activities outside of the classroom that increase a student's linguistic or cultural knowledge.

Our clubs also offer interested students the opportunity to take a leadership role during the annual election of officers.

If you are interested in joining a language club, ask a language teacher today!

Honor Societies

Students in the World Languages Department have the opportunity each year to be nominated to the French, Spanish, or Chinese National Honor Societies. Nominations occur in May and follow each Society's chapter requirements.

Nominations are based on in-class performance and participation in extracurricular activities.

Nominations occur at the end of the 4th or 5th year of study. Students who are initiated into the Honor Society AND who complete AP level 5 or 6 are eligible to wear the appropriate honor cord at graduation.



Our teachers

All teachers in the Hereford World Languages Department are dedicated to the teaching of their respective languages and providing students with the best experience possible.

At right is our staff for the 2018-2019 school year.

Peggy Kopp, *Chair*
(*French, Spanish*)

Helen Bagdasarov, *French*

Tiffany Bibaud, *Spanish*

Sabrina Martin, *Spanish*

William Grome, *Spanish*

Carolyn Marshall, *Spanish*

Brett Baier, *Spanish*

Fenwhay Koh, *Chinese*