



World Language at OFMS

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**“One language sets you in a
corridor for life. Two
languages open every door
along the way.”**

- Frank Smith



World Languages & English

- The United States does not have an official language.
- English is a language that has been influenced by many different languages
 - 30% from French
 - 28% from Latin (mostly modern scientific terminology)
 - 4% from Portuguese and Spanish

Myths and Misconceptions

- **“Everyone speaks English!”**
 - Only 25% of the world speaks fluent English
 - Most 2nd language speakers in the workforce speak a bit better than “basic” English
- **“Language learning is just a hobby.”**
 - Languages are ranked 8th in a list of high-demand job skills
 - Jobs postings for bi/multilinguals has more than doubled from 2010-2015 according to research
- **“I can just use Google Translate!”**
 - Machine translators still cannot match the efficiency and accuracy of human translators
 - *Light* → *lumière, lampe, feu, léger, doux, clair, allumer, enflammer*





Cognitive Benefits of Bilingualism

- Multilinguals exhibit **enhanced problem solving skills.**
- Multilingualism influences careful decision making
- Studying a language can **boost one's IQ.**
- It helps slow the onset of dementia and mental aging.
- Learning a new language improves listening comprehension
- It makes us **more culturally sensitive and tolerant of others.**

Academic Benefits of Learning a Second Language:

- Increases development of **student reading ability**
- Increases linguistic awareness
- Increases ability of scientific hypothesizing
- Increases **listening comprehension and memory skills**
- Students of world language consistently score higher on tests of English vocabulary, especially when the language being studied has Latin roots, like French and Spanish.
- Higher scores on **standardized tests**



Our Current Middle School Program

6th Grade (approximately 36 days)

- Every student takes one rotation of World Language
 - 3 units:
 - Communication/Language
 - Mini French Unit
 - Mini Spanish Unit

7th Grade (45 days)

- Students choose one quarter of French or Spanish or both out of 8 elective options
 - Students learn basic vocabulary and grammar structures along with culture.

8th Grade (180 days)

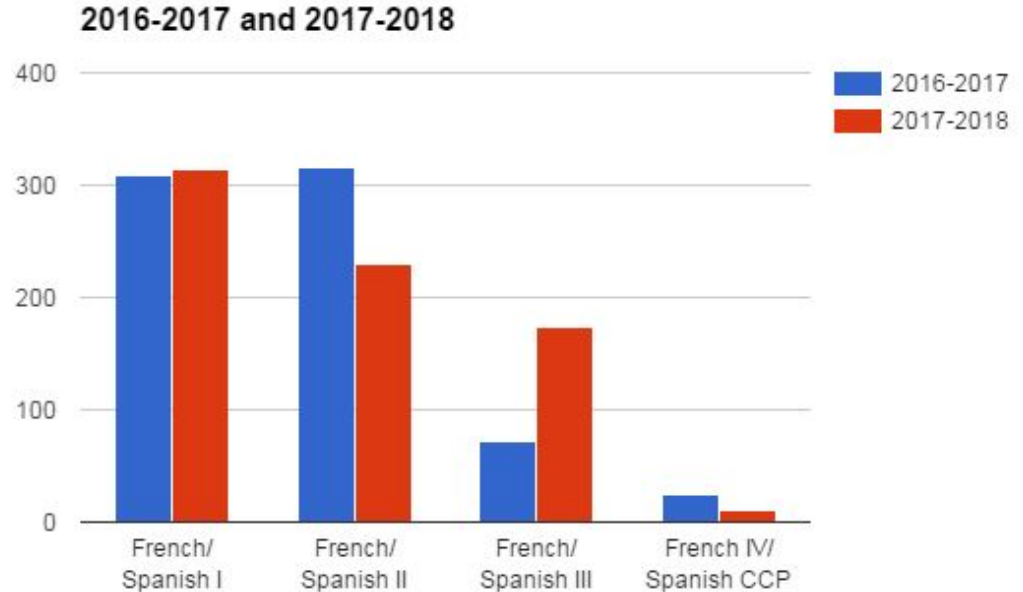
- Students who qualify take French I or Spanish I for high school credit.





World Language Enrollment 2016-2018

- Approximately 60% of our high school students participate in the world language program.



Preparing for College

Who gets in?

Applicants to The Ohio State University's admission on a competitive basis. Each year, our most important charge in

Minimum college prep requirements

	Minimum required	Recommended	Additional consideration
English	4 units		
Math	3 units	4 units	X
Natural science (with significant lab experience)	3 units		X
Social science	2 units	3 units	
Foreign language	2 units of same language	3 units	X
Visual or performing arts	1 unit		

A snapshot of last year's admitted class

Most exceeded minimum college prep requirements

89% exceeded foreign language requirements

99% exceeded math requirements

87% exceeded natural science requirements





College Admissions Officers on World Language

- “[. . .] the student studying for four years has a **genuine interest in knowledge and education**, not just in fulfilling minimum foreign language requirements.” – *Matthew Potts, Admissions Counselor, University of Notre Dame*
- “The more years in one language the better it shows **commitment and desire for proficiency.**” – *Dennis O’Driscoll, Director of Admissions, Creighton University*
- “Three to four years of a language shows **follow-through and a deeper level of interest.**” – *Michael C. Behnke, Vice President for Enrollment, University of Chicago*

College Admissions Officers on World Language

- “While most colleges do not require four years of a language or a science for admission, **dropping a discipline can be detrimental to a student’s chances of being admitted.** Admission Officers are looking for students **who have challenged themselves in many areas.** At the most competitive colleges in the country, Admission Officers are making distinctions between thousands of overly qualified applicants. In speaking with students about senior year course selection, we encourage students to think carefully before dropping a language.”
– Andrea Thomas, Assistant Dean of Admission, Hamilton College





Career Benefits of Learning a World Language

- Some research suggests students who receive second language instruction are **more creative** and **better at solving complex problems** than those who do not.
- Juggling between different languages can **improve multitasking abilities**.
- According to a study from the University of Chicago, people who speak multiple languages are **more confident with their choices** after thinking it over in the second language and seeing whether their initial conclusions still stand up.

Career Benefits of Learning a World Language

- being able to speak a world language can increase a typical wage between 10 and 15 percent.
- The U.S. Committee on Economic Development (CED) suggests that American businesses lose more than \$2 billion a year to language or cultural misunderstandings.



How will American businesses compete globally?

A report by Dr. Patrícia Gandára and Sylvia Acevedo (two world language education advocates) says, **“In the 21st century, language will be as important to business as technology was in the last century.”** The authors continue by explaining the diversification of the world economy and the limitations faced by American students who speak only English.

The need for employees proficient in an array of foreign languages is growing across industries and will continue to expand for the foreseeable future. This growth stems from a need of all industries to **produce materials for customers in their native language** in order to be competitive globally.





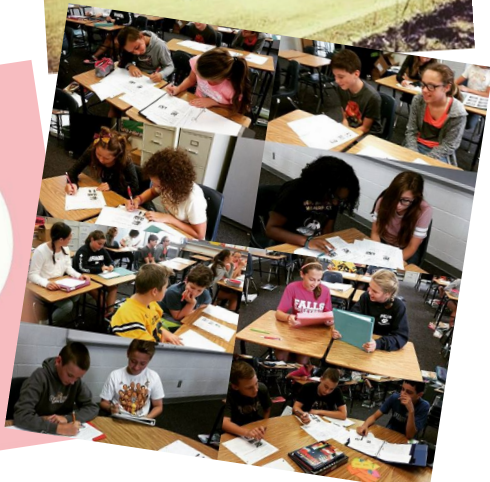
Career-Related Opportunities in World Language

- Interpreters and translators are **needed for every language spoken in the United States**. Various laws require that people have access to a translator for basic services such as healthcare. This has contributed dramatically to the increasing need for employees who are proficient in world languages.
- The global market for translation technologies and services was estimated at \$40 billion in 2016 and by 2020 is projected to reach \$45 billion.



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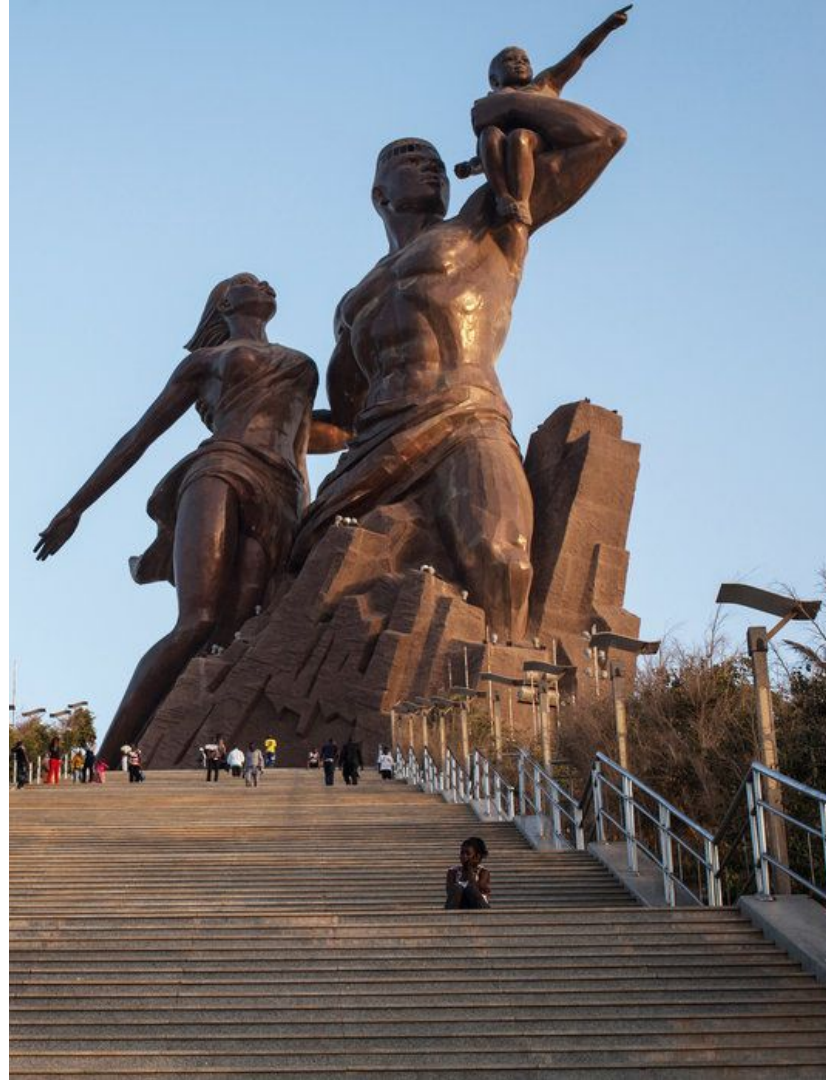
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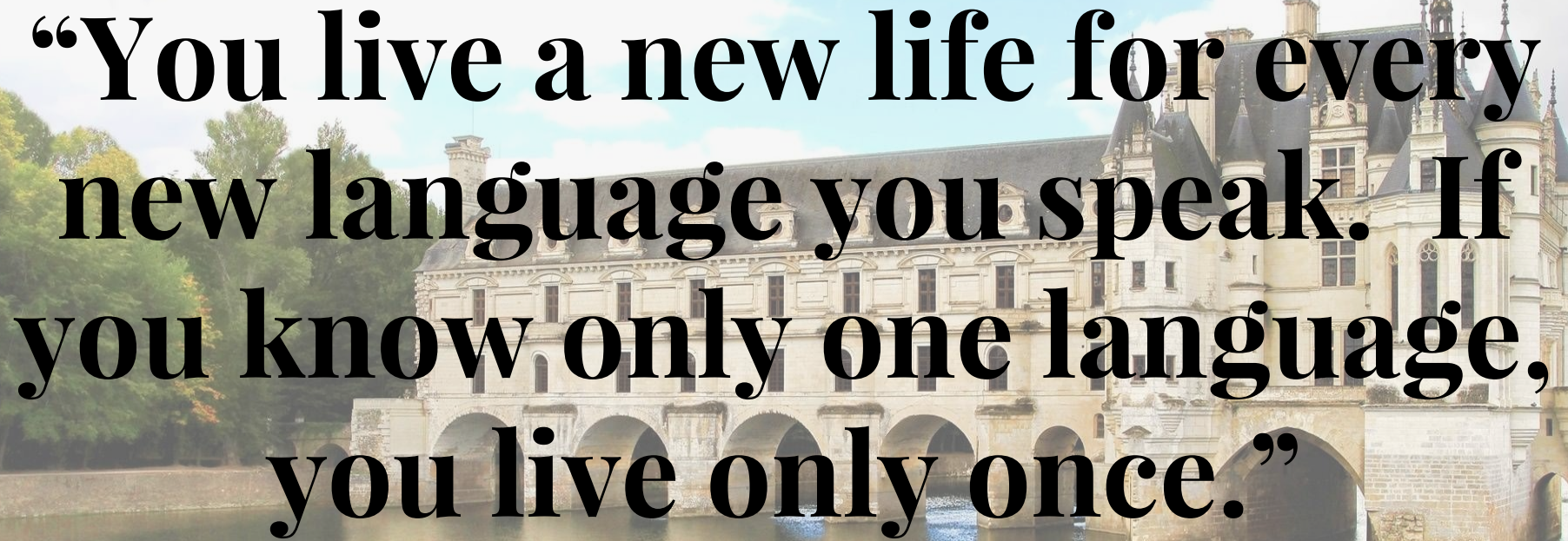
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**“You live a new life for every
new language you speak. If
you know only one language,
you live only once.”**

– Czech proverb