

# Language Arts World Languages

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# English/Language Arts Course Offerings

**Advanced English 6**

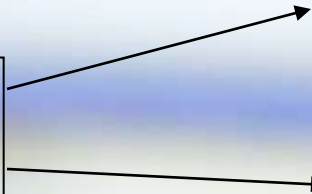
**English 6**

**Reading 6**

**READ 180**

***ESOL***

**Advanced  
English 6**



**Spanish 1A**

**French 1A**

**English 6**



**Reading 6**

**READ 180**

# Criteria for Advanced Placement:

- Teacher recommendations (grades, work ethic, motivation, etc.)
- Scored advanced on MSA (4<sup>th</sup> grade - 437 or higher)
- Reading above grade level:
  - MAP-R
    - ✓ 5<sup>th</sup> grade fall RIT = 217 or higher
    - ✓ 5<sup>th</sup> grade winter RIT = 219 or higher

# English

## 6th Grade Unit Theme: Kaleidoscopes

### Unit 1: Foundations

#### **Enduring Understandings**

Individuals grow when they add to their knowledge and skills.  
Readers and writers grow by understanding process and structure.  
Individuals grow by working to understand themselves and others.

#### **Essential Questions**

What is a foundation?  
How can individuals strengthen their foundations as readers and writers.

### Unit 2: Adventures

#### **Enduring Understandings**

Adventures often result in personal discovery and change.  
Writer use literary techniques to craft adventure stories.

#### **Essential Questions**

How do people grow from their adventures?  
How do writers use literary and story elements to write compelling stories?

# English

## Kaleidoscopes

### Unit 3: Challenges and Barriers

#### Enduring Understandings

Individuals who take on challenges may inspire or provoke others.  
Writers record and celebrate efforts to overcome challenges and barriers.

#### Essential Questions

What motivates individuals to take on challenges and confront barriers?  
How do writers create characters whose efforts inspire or provoke others?

### Unit 4: Choices

#### Enduring Understandings

Choices result in consequences.  
Writers make deliberate choices to achieve their purposes.

#### Essential Questions

What factors influence the choices people make?  
What choices do authors make to develop their own ideas?

# Reading 6

This class focuses on how the reading process is applied to expository and narrative texts.

Students learn the importance of strategic reading in order to build a firm foundation for success as a reader.



# READ 180

*Read 180 is a supplementary reading program designed to aid students in achieving higher levels of reading competency.*

## **How are students chosen?**

- MSA scores – basic
- MAP-R Scores
- teacher recommendations

## **Who are the students?**

- general education students
- special education students
- ESOL students
- RELL students

# World Languages

Spanish 1A - full year

French 1A - full year

- 1st half of level one is taught
- Students earn a ½ of high school credit
- Culture aspects of the language are integrated into the lessons
- Thematic units address listening, speaking, reading and writing skills

*\*food \*weather \*pastimes \*school \*numbers  
\*greetings \*clothing \*current events*

*In order to take Spanish/French, students need to be recommended for Advanced English 6.*

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# French Immersion

## French Immersion Program - Middle School Level Program Description

Students may continue the immersion experience at GMS. For students coming from an elementary French immersion program, a two-period block of instruction enables them to enhance their language development as well as complete the social studies courses in the same language.

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/middle/immersion-french.aspx>

# Does your child have an interest in...

Continuing in an immersion program to expand his or her knowledge of French?

Reading and writing in French?

Discussing world events in French?

Exploring French culture?

