



Successful completion of two levels of a single foreign language will fulfill one of the high school graduation requirements for college bound students. Students at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School can earn high school credit in a foreign language.

Students interested in the Richard Montgomery Baccalaureate Program must successfully complete either Spanish 1A and 1B or French 1A and 1B by the end of the eighth grade. Sixth grade students who are designated as exceptional readers (high MSA scores and elementary teacher recommendations) may take Spanish 1A in place of GT reading.

Spanish 1A (Full Year)

***This course is open to 7th graders who are reading on-level.**

Students begin to learn to communicate orally and in written form, and derive meaning from the written and spoken language. The Spanish 1A course is based on the following themes: *greetings, school, sports/pastimes, and food*. Students are tested in five skill areas: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and knowledge of culture.

Spanish 1B (Full Year)

The Spanish 1B course continues with the thematic study of the language: testing students in listening, speaking, reading, writing and knowledge of culture. After a review of the concepts covered in Spanish 1A, students study the following themes: *descriptions of family members, home and rooms, community, travel, numbers and telling time, social occasions, culture, current events, and famous people*.

Spanish 1 A/B (Full Year)

***This course is extremely rigorous and fast-paced. It should be considered only by the responsible student who is willing to do most of the practice at home and will hand in assignments on time.**

Spanish 1 A/B is composed of thematic studies of the language which will include listening, speaking, reading, writing and culture. It includes the themes: *greetings, school, sports/pastimes, food, descriptions of family members, home and rooms, community, travel, numbers and telling time, social occasions, culture, current events, and famous people*.

Spanish 2A/B (Full Year)

***This course is for students who have successfully completed Spanish 1A/B.**

The Spanish 2A/B course builds on the same themes learned in 1A/B: expanding vocabulary and researching cultural components in addition to studying past and future verb tense. Students learn about Spanish culture and use this knowledge in order to effectively communicate in various contexts.

Spanish for Spanish Speakers (SSS) (Full Year)

***This course is offered to 8th graders. Students must be screened by the Spanish teacher prior to registering. Students should be able to understand both written and spoken Spanish before entering the course.**

Native speakers of Spanish are encouraged to enroll in Spanish for Spanish Speakers (SSS). This course of study provides language instruction for students who have developed proficiency in Spanish because it is their first language or it is spoken extensively in the home. The SSS curriculum includes themes from the Spanish courses. Emphasis in this course is on reading and writing at a much higher level than the regular Spanish courses. Students who complete one or more years of the SSS course may enter upper level Spanish courses in high school.

French 1A (Full Year)

***This course is open to 7th graders who are reading on-level.**

Students begin to learn to communicate orally and in written form, and derive meaning from the written and spoken language. The French 1A is based on the following themes: *greetings, school, sports/pastimes, and food*. Students are tested in five skill areas: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and knowledge of culture.

French 1A/B (Full Year)

***This course is extremely rigorous and fast-paced. It should be considered only by the responsible student who is willing to do most of the practice at home and will hand in assignments on time.**

French 1/A is composed of thematic studies of the language which will include listening, speaking, reading, writing and culture. It includes the themes of: *greetings, school, sports/pastimes, food, descriptions of family members, home and rooms, community, travel, numbers and telling time, social occasions, culture, current events, and famous people*.