

# MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSES

## WORLD LANGUAGES

The world languages available in middle schools are Chinese, French, Italian, Japanese, Spanish, and Spanish for Spanish Speakers. Offerings vary by school.

The world language courses are high school credit-bearing courses. Check the course syllabus for information on assessment requirements related to passing high school credit courses in middle schools during the 2016-2017 school year. There is no partial credit awarded in middle school.

Course numbers are language and level dependent.

### Level 1A/1B

HS credit

Students begin to learn to communicate orally and in writing in a culturally appropriate manner about topics related to daily life. They interpret basic information when listening and reading. Vocabulary and basic grammatical structures are taught within the context of these familiar topics. Culture is embedded throughout the course. Students who successfully complete both semesters of 1A/1B and pass any final exams or centrally developed quarter or unit assessments also taken by high school students in the course. There is no partial credit awarded in middle school.

*NOTE: Level 1A and 1B may be offered in middle school as full-year courses. In that case, students must pass the full year of 1A, the full year of 1B, and meet any assessment requirements in order to earn one high school credit. There is no partial credit awarded in middle school.*

### Level 2A/2B

HS credit

Students expand their ability to communicate orally and in writing in a culturally appropriate manner about topics related to daily life. They interpret information when listening and reading. Vocabulary and grammatical structures are taught within the context of these topics. Culture is embedded throughout the course.

### Level 3A/B

HS credit

Students continue to expand their ability to communicate orally and in writing in a culturally appropriate manner about a variety of familiar topics. They interpret detailed information when listening and reading. Vocabulary and more complex grammatical structures are taught within the context of these topics. Culture is embedded throughout the course.

### Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1 A/B (1777/1778)

HS credit

### Spanish for Spanish Speakers 2 A/B (1779/1780)

HS credit

Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1 A/B and Spanish for Spanish Speakers 2 A/B are offered at selected middle schools. Spanish for Spanish Speakers provides language instruction for students with proficiency in Spanish, either because it is their first language or it is spoken extensively in their home. Each course integrates history, culture, language, and connections related to the Spanish-speaking world.

## World Language Immersion

Students who have completed an MCPS elementary school immersion program may join the immersion programs at the middle school level. Students who did not participate in the elementary program may test into an immersion program if there is space available. The following middle schools offer these courses: Silver Spring International Middle School (Spanish/French), Westland Middle School (Spanish), Gaithersburg Middle School (French) and Hoover Middle School (Chinese).

The immersion language courses are high school credit-bearing courses. For each course, students who successfully complete both semesters and any final exams or centrally developed quarter or unit assessments also taken by high school students in the course. There is no partial credit awarded in middle school.

### Grades 6-8 French (1763 through 1768)

HS credit

A two-period program of instruction enables students to enhance their language development through one period of language class and one period of the MCPS social studies curriculum in French.

### Grade 6-8 Spanish (1769 through 1774)

HS credit

A two-period program of instruction enables students in Grades 6 and 7 to enhance their language development through one period of language class and one period of the MCPS social studies curriculum in Spanish. In Grade 8, students continue with one period of language instruction.

### Grade 6 Chinese (1919/1920)

HS credit

This one-period course continues to build on the language skills acquired in the elementary school immersion program. Students transition into the regular MCPS Chinese 2 course in Grade 7.