

# Welcome to LEAD!

## Linguistic Excellence And Discovery

**LEAD!** is a program which allows students to engage deeply in their studies of world languages at Walter Johnson High School. Students are encouraged to communicate in a variety of world languages; to pursue at least one world language to the highest possible level; and to explore the history and cultures of world communities.

To participate in this program, students will:

- Study one world language through the AP level and take that AP exam.
- Study a 2<sup>nd</sup> foreign language through at least the second year.
- Complete a major project in the senior year.
- Complete three additional courses from the options below:
  - Up to 2 of the following:
    - AP Art History
    - AP Comparative Government
    - AP European History
    - AP Human Geography
    - AP World History
  - The 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the 2<sup>nd</sup> foreign language.
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> year of a 3<sup>rd</sup> foreign language.
  - Post-AP study of the 1<sup>st</sup> foreign language.
- Earn a grade of B in any course used to complete program requirements.

Any student may opt to join the **LEAD!** program. Students are encouraged to declare their intent to participate by the end of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

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### Recognition and Benefits

- **LEAD! Scholar:** The designation of “LEAD! Scholar” will be awarded at graduation to students in the program who, by the end of their senior year, have successfully completed the requirements and taken the corresponding AP® exams.
- **College Board AP® Scholar:** LEAD! Scholar program participation contributes to formal recognition by the College Board as an AP® Scholar.
- **Benefits:** opportunity to earn college credit while in high school; an accelerated program especially designed for talented and motivated learners; preparation for rigorous college programs.

LEAD! application is online only by completing the “Intent to Participate” form at [www.walterjohnson.com/programs/lead/](http://www.walterjohnson.com/programs/lead/)