



POCANTICO HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

World Language Program for Students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade

We are pleased to continue our world languages program with the overarching goal of promoting the tenets of global citizenship and cultural awareness through proficiency based language learning. We have two parallel tracks, one in French and one in Spanish, the curriculum for both is the same and focuses on grade level content from science, social studies, math, and language arts. We have designed a comprehensive program that encourages your children to take the leap into language and culture through meaningful experiences and consistent target language immersion.

Key Components of the Program:

- Students have consistent standards-based language instruction throughout the year.
- Conversational skill development is the cornerstone.
- All learning modules and curriculum objectives are tied to aspects of content area curriculum and/or global learning goals.
- Instruction is in an immersion model (90%+ of classroom instruction is in the target language) and focuses on development of proficiency and grammar are embedded where appropriate.
- Students will be able to speak in the language about the ideas they learn as there is a strong focus on interpersonal language use.
- Student growth will be demonstrated through ongoing formative and summative assessments designed by teachers to specifically match the curricular focus at each level.

Q&A

Will my child be able to switch languages if he or she chooses to do so?

Parents choose between French and Spanish at the beginning of K-2. Entering grade 3 and again at grade 5 there is an opportunity to consider a change.

How will my child understand if the classes are taught in French or Spanish?

Immersion model language education with 90%+ in the target language is the national standard, with strong research based results. Teachers utilize multiple strategies across modalities to make all learning comprehensible.

How can I help my child at home?

Teachers keep parents informed; resource links, digital updates, and practice ideas are made available throughout the school year.