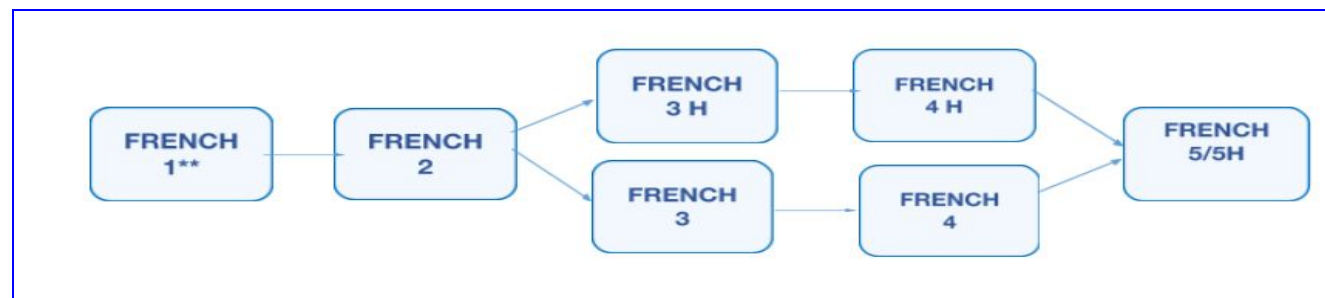
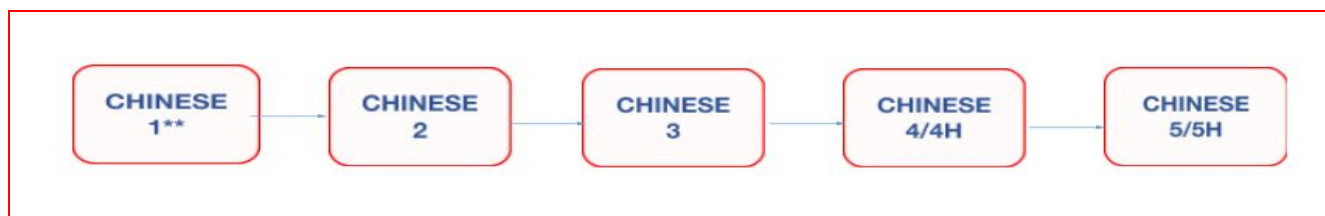


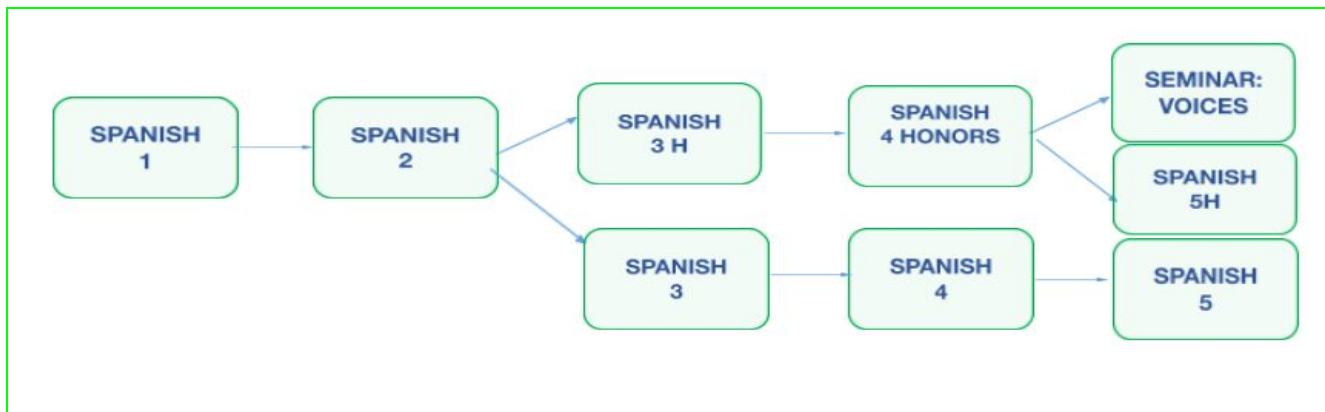
### Chinese, French, Latin & Spanish

The World Language Department strives to encourage and enable students to become agents of positive change in a globalized world by cultivating:

- linguistic skills for effective communication in a target language.
- cultural awareness, curiosity, and knowledge.
- a capacity for culturally sensitive interaction with speakers of other languages.
- an understanding of how language reflects, shapes, and transforms perspectives.
- a lifelong desire to hone language competencies.

*Four-year path options by language:*





*\*\*Offered if numbers allow*

## WORLD LANGUAGES FAQ'S

1. **What is the language recommendation?** The World Language Department recommends taking four years of Chinese, French, Latin or Spanish in the Upper School.
2. **Can a student begin a new or second language in ninth grade?** Sometimes, depending on whether it is advisable given the student's other academic commitments and whether or not a first-year course in her desired language is being offered in that particular year. We recommend 10th grade to start a second language.
3. **Is the World Language requirement nine credits in Upper School, or do Middle School World language credits count?** World Language 1A and 1B each carry 1.5 credits which are calculated into the nine credits in one language. Successful completion of Level 3 in the US is also possible.
4. **How can I be certain that my daughter is being placed in the appropriate course?** If new to the school, she will be given a placement test in the spring. The results of her placement test in conjunction with the other information in the student's file will be used to determine the best World Language placement for the student.
5. **When can my daughter begin taking Honors level language courses?** It depends on the language she takes. French and Spanish Honors start in Level 3 (10th grade), while Chinese and Latin Honors start in Level 4 (11th grade).
6. **Can my child take a language course during the summer and then skip into a higher level?** Possibly, if the child takes a 4 – 6 week intensive language course and earns a B+ or higher on the placement test for a higher level; however, she still needs nine Holton credits in World Language to graduate.

**Further questions? Please contact**

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