



Dalton High School

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IB Language Policy:

English is the primary language of instruction in all subject areas at Dalton High School, except the IB Group 2 Language B classes in French, German, Latin, and Spanish. In these classes the primary instruction is in the target language (French, German, Latin, and Spanish, respectively).

School Context

Our IB students are required to successfully complete four years of foreign language instruction, in addition to meeting the Georgia Academic Standard for World Language Proficiency, which is aligned with the standards of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. These standards, compiled as the Dalton Public Schools District Curriculum for Modern Languages, are also aligned with the Standards for World Language Learning.

Dalton High School offers four (4) world languages to students in the IB Diploma Programme and IB Course Only: French, German, Latin, and Spanish. The IB DP full candidate students are required to participate in one of the four language programs. Under the current language curriculum, only Standard Level Language B (2nd Language) is offered in our IB Programme.

Language A (1 st language)	English
Language B (2 nd language)	Spanish
	French
	German
	Latin

Full DP students must complete four continuous years of world language study to prepare for the IB Standard Level Language B exam for their chosen world language track. Higher Level courses are not offered at this time due to the lack of world language instruction in the feeder middle and elementary schools. No Ab Initio level courses are offered at this time.



School Personnel

Mrs. Stephanie Hungerpiller, Principal/Head of School
Dr. Marybeth Meadows, IB Diploma Programme Coordinator,
Mrs. Dee Curtis, IB Diploma Programme School Counselor
Mrs. Shanda Hester, IBDP French B Teacher
Mrs. Sandra Crow, IBDP Spanish B Teacher
Dr. Dana Miller, IBDP Latin B Teacher
Mrs. Ava Wyatt, IBDP German B Teacher

Learning Environment

Dalton High School has a diverse school environment with students and faculty from various countries and from different heritage speaking backgrounds. These nations include The United States, Canada, Mexico, The Dominican Republic, Honduras, Colombia, Philippines, Chile, Puerto Rico, Germany, Pakistan, India, Korea, and China. Dalton High has regularly hosted German exchange students (pre-Covid 19) in various student exchange programs. These students lend additional opportunities for students to learn and practice languages with native speakers in their own school environment.

Language B instructors use varied instructional strategies to further language acquisition and understanding as well as cultural differences and interdependency. Students have the opportunity to travel abroad each year with language/cultural programs provided by various departments and instructors (pre-Covid 19). The next trip planned is to Italy in April, 2023.

Professional Development

Teachers in our language department are certified via IB trainings throughout the world and are either native speakers or hold university degrees in their language. Language teachers are trained during professional development opportunities on the district, state, national, and international standards for language instruction and learning as well as on the latest methodology, trends, and best practices for classroom instruction and assessment.

Community Involvement

Language B instructors support families in the district by helping provide translation services at Individualized Education Plan meetings, at course



registrations, and by teaching language courses to special interest groups within the community.

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