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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am pleased to inform you that your child is eligible to earn five high school **elective credits in World Language** at Mahwah High School after successful completion of their seventh and eighth grade world language course, as well as the STAMP assessment that takes place in the spring of eighth grade.

Mahwah Public Schools Policy #5460 allows students enrolled in our middle school to receive World Language Credit if a student successfully meets the academic and attendance requirements.

Enclosed is specific information about this Option Two Program. There is no cost associated with this particular program. In order to receive high school credit a student must attend and successfully complete the appropriate program requirements below.

These include:

- Required seat time of 200 minutes per week
- Regular attendance in compliance with the district's attendance policy. As per the district's attendance policy 5200, a secondary student will be denied credit on the 13th unexcused countable absence in a full year course and the 7th unexcused countable absence in a semester course. However, a secondary student may also be dropped from a course or denied course credit when he/she has been absent from greater than twenty five percent or more of the class sessions (45 days out of 180 class sessions in a full year course), regardless of whether it is an unexcused countable or excused non-countable absence, except absences for the observance of a religious holiday or absences caused by a student's suspension will not count toward the total.
- Proficiency rating of Novice High in ALL three modes of communication (STAMP)
- Successful completion of 7th and 8th grade Chinese, French, or Spanish at Ramapo Ridge Middle School

No response is required on your part. Students who meet these criteria will automatically have this course added to their Mahwah High School transcript and be placed in the next course in sequence.

Should you have any questions regarding this program, kindly contact Courtney Carrelha, Supervisor of World Language 6-12 by telephone at 201-762-2320 or by email at ccarrelha@mahwah.k12.nj.us

Sincerely,

John P. Pascale

Principal, Mahwah High School

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Option Two Programs and Guidelines

(N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1(a)1ii)

Option Two extends flexibility at the local level by allowing schools to choose from an array of models for developing activities or programs linked to the Core Curriculum Content Standards, such as: interdisciplinary and theme-based programs; independent study; co-curricular and extracurricular activities; magnet programs; student exchange programs; distance learning opportunities; internships; community service; or other structured learning experiences.

General Procedures

Teachers and instructors must be certified and properly licensed by the appropriate state agencies. Teachers and instructors must present certification upon request and be approved by the Board of Education.

The teacher or instructor will record student achievement and attendance for the duration of the course. Progress will be reported every five weeks in the form of progress reports and report cards to parents as in any other course. This documentation, as well as a statement of assurances, will be submitted to the Director of Guidance before credit is awarded.

The criteria for earning credits is outlined below:

- Proficiency rating of Novice High in ALL three modes of communication (STAMP)
- Successful completion of 7th and 8th grade Chinese, French, or Spanish at Ramapo Ridge Middle School
- Upon meeting the criteria Chinese 1, French 1, or Spanish 1 will be listed separately on the student’s high school transcript.
- *Courses taken prior to grade 9 are not included in the GPA or class rank.*
- These 5 credits will count toward graduation.
- Students are still required to take 2 consecutive years of a language in grades 9-12 and most college four years of study

Prior administrative approval by the department supervisor, director of guidance, and principal must be obtained before enrolling in any option two programs. Any costs incurred as a result of an option two program will be the responsibility of the parent/ guardian. The Board of Education will not assume any responsibility for any fees associated with this program.

Option Two Program	Grade, Credit, Rank	Description
High school level courses taken prior to grade nine	Numerical grade awarded Credits count toward graduation requirements. <i>Not included in GPA & class rank at Mahwah High School.</i>	<i>High School Level 1 Courses taken at Ramapo Ridge Middle School</i> <i>Districts may utilize performance or competency assessments to approve student completion of programs aimed at meeting or exceeding the NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards.</i> Middle school students who take high school level courses at Ramapo Ridge Middle School may use those courses to meet prerequisites for advanced courses in particular content areas. Such approved courses are listed separately on a student’s transcript with the grade and location of where the program was taken. <i>Courses taken prior to grade 9 are not included in the GPA or class rank.</i> Course credits will count toward graduation requirements.