



Q&A

GIFTED RESOURCES 6-8 & WORLD LANGUAGE OFFERINGS

What is the new gifted resource elective class?



The middle school (grades 6-8) gifted resource course will focus on real-world problem solving, critical thinking, communication, and social emotional learning. Emphasis will be placed on the development of the whole child and ensuring that the gifted students' needs are met through effective growth and a deeper understanding of gifted emotional tendencies. The goal of the program is to extend the learning beyond the classroom walls so that students gain a greater appreciation of the opportunities and needs that exist outside the classroom. This will take the form of service learning and competitions.

How often does it meet?



The class at Marietta Sixth Grade Academy meets every other day, on an A/B schedule. The Marietta Middle School course meets every day. These are yearlong courses in both schools.

Are world language classes required in grades 6-8?



MYP schools are required to offer world language to all students, and it is highly recommended that students take advantage of all components of MYP/IB which include the study of a language beginning in middle school. The eight MYP subjects are indicated on this graphic. →



Can my student opt to take gifted resource instead of world language?



While it is recommended that students take advantage of all components of MYP/IB which include the study of a language beginning in middle school, students will not be penalized if they choose to enroll in a gifted resource class. Please note that high school courses (levels I and II) are rigorous and consideration must be given if a student opts to move into a high school class without previous exposure to a language.

When can students begin to take high school credit world language classes?



Students can take Spanish or French I beginning in seventh grade. Level I courses continue to be offered to students in eighth grade and high school. Please note that high school courses (levels I and II) are rigorous, and consideration must be given if a student opts to move into a high school class without previous exposure to a language. Additionally, if students take French/Spanish I as a seventh-grade student, they will be placed in French/Spanish II as an eighth-grade student.

Can a student begin taking world language classes as a freshman and still be an IB student?



Yes. Students can begin their world language course of study in ninth grade by taking a level I course. Students that begin in ninth grade will be able to take Spanish or French Standard Level (SL) in 11th/12th grades to potentially receive an IB diploma.

What does the world language course progression look like, so I can understand my options?



Course progressions for grades 6-12 can be found on the Marietta City Schools website or by clicking [here](#).

If I have questions, who should I contact?



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