

Why Study a Foreign Language

Improve your



Travel experiences



Understanding of Cultures



ACT and SAT Scores



French is an international language spoken by 250 million people in 30 countries and on 5 continents. It's a natural choice for Spanish speakers since both languages have common Latin roots. If you speak English, you probably already know at least 15,000 French words! With French, you can study abroad in Europe, Quebec, or Africa. Pairing French with business, banking, travel, the arts, or engineering opens up job opportunities at home and around the world.



largest student exchange program with our sister school in Germany.

English is based on **German** making it easier to learn. German is spoken in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Belgium and Northern Italy. German is the 2nd most common language on the Internet and is spoken by over 200 million people. Germany is America's largest European trading partner. One quarter of all Americans have German ancestors. Niles West receives money and programming from the German Government through PASCH so students can travel to Germany and in the US to learn German for free! Niles West also has the

Hebrew has originated as a Biblical language and evolved into a dynamic, living modern language that is spoken in Israel and around the world today. Israel is on the cutting edge of high-tech development pharmaceutical and green energy, and by knowing Hebrew you will become more marketable in those areas. Knowledge of Hebrew is an asset to many U.S. government agencies and can be precursor to eventual studies of other semantic languages. Also, Hebrew is fun! Learning Hebrew is a great way to get connected with Israeli culture, music, food and history.



The most widely spoken language in the world is **Mandarin Chinese**. It is spoken by almost 900 million people in China. Mandarin is also one of the six official languages of the United Nations. Learning Chinese is good for business, helps strengthen both sides of your brain, and is surprisingly easier than you think! China also has one of the oldest civilizations in the world and the second largest economy, which makes learning Chinese useful for anyone wanting a global advantage!



Spanish is the most commonly used language after English in the United States. Of the 3 million residents of Chicago, 1 million speak Spanish. It is also the language of nearly all of our neighbors to the south. It is the dominant language spoken in 21 countries on five continents and it is the third most widely spoken language in the world, used by around 600 million people. Knowing Spanish opens up so many opportunities to young people seeking jobs in nearly any field. It is especially useful for people who plan to live and work in areas of the United States with a large Spanish-speaking population.



Assyrian is an ancient language. This means that students will gain access to thousands of years' worth of historical and cultural knowledge when they learn the language. Its unbroken literary tradition dates back 3,000 years. Aramaic was the lingua franca in the Ancient Near East for more than two thousand years. To strengthen the identity, language skills, and build bridges to the greater community, this course would minimize that misconception from non-Assyrians and allow students to grow in their self-concept as Assyrians. These courses offer an authentic representation of Assyrians. Assyrians will be able to see themselves in the texts and conversations that will be the focus of the course. Non-Assyrians will understand the impact of the Assyrian culture in the world. Our classes go on field trips to experience the language and culture authentically!

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