

Syosset Central School District K-12 World Language Program

- Building Language Proficiency
- Developing Intercultural Skills



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District & World Language Goals

What is our hope for language learners?

- **Biliteracy**

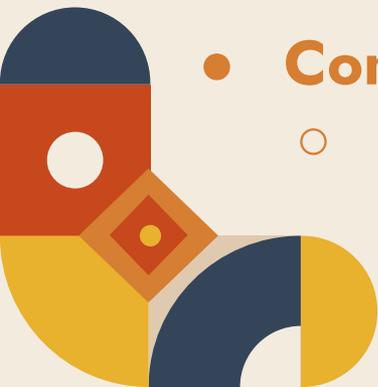
- Language proficiency: novice to intermediate

- **Cultural Understanding**

- Products, practices and perspectives of the target cultures

- **Connections**

- Social studies in global perspective





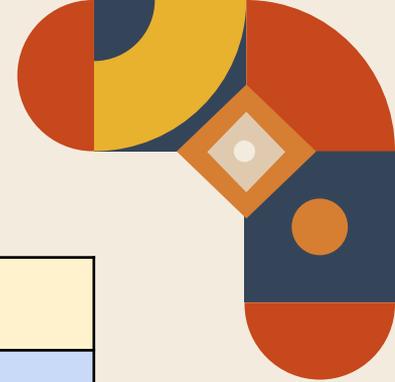
Elementary FLEX Program

*Foreign Language **EX**perience*

- Introduce students to learning languages
 - Engage learners in understanding culture and cultural diversity
 - Foster communication skills: English / target language
 - Foreshadow languages offered at secondary level
 - Develop skills from other curricular areas: science, social studies, math, ELA
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FLEX Curriculum Revision

Starting September '24



Grades K & 1	American Sign Language
Grades 2 & 3	Asian Languages & Cultures
Grades 4 & 5	Romance Languages & Cultures

Asian/Romance Languages and Cultures Topics and Themes

Unit 1: World Geography and Cultures	Unit 5: School Life
Unit 2: Holidays	Unit 6: Community Life, Housing, Architecture
Unit 3: Food and Meal Taking	Unit 7: Music and Art
Unit 4: Hobbies and Pastimes	Unit 8: Clothing and Fashion



Middle School World Language

Language Choices				
Chinese	French	Italian	Korean	Spanish

- Articulated study begins in grade 6
- Novice low through Novice High/Intermediate Low
- Checkpoint A exam June of 8th grade
- 1 high school credit granted for successful completion

High School World Language

- Continued language study
- Intermediate level proficiency
- Study a second world language
(31 SHS students)
- Checkpoint B Exam Grade 10
(Advanced Regents Diploma)
- College level courses

Checkpoint C Grade Level Enrollment

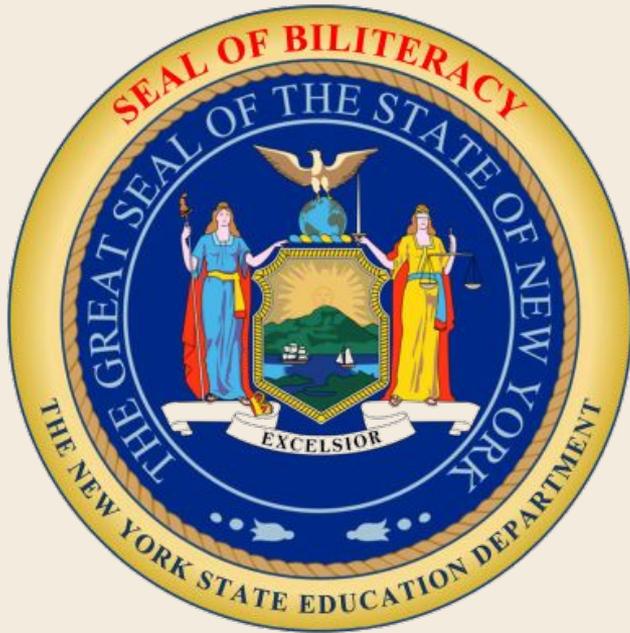
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82%

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72%

New York State Seal of Biliteracy



- Graduation Designation
- Intermediate High in English and Another Language
- World Language Courses
- ENL Students
- Heritage Language Students
- 92 Recipients in Class of '23



Future Growth

- FLEX Program Revision
 - Grades 6-12 Korean and Chinese
 - Monitor Language Enrollment
 - Increase Seal of Biliteracy Graduates
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