

GBED: Foreign Languages

The Board supports the strengthening of foreign language offerings in the public schools. Efforts to do this will include exposure to language offerings at all grade levels, providing adequate funding and the availability of qualified instructors.

HIGH SCHOOL

The Board encourages the offering of conversation-oriented foreign language courses at the beginning and second-year levels in as many languages as the budget will allow and teachers are available.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Board encourages the offering of courses in “exploring languages and cultures.” Students of superior ability and those reading at or above grade level shall be allowed to study foreign language either in courses established at the {middle} school or by enrolling the high school classes, as long as there are no scheduling conflicts and space is available.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Board encourages the introduction of foreign languages within the established curriculum as appropriate.

The Board will allow the use of the elementary school building for the instruction in foreign language at the discretion of the building principal, if qualified teachers are available. If such programs are instituted at less than all elementary schools in the District, the program shall be available to students from other schools as long as space is available. Efforts shall be made to publicize foreign language offerings to all schools in the District.