

LEVEL 1 FRENCH & SPANISH
McCONNELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
2026-2027

Dear MMS Parents and 6th grade Students,

The time has come to apply for Level 1 French or Spanish. This is a two-year program where students are able to earn one high school credit (one Carnegie unit) for the successful completion of course.

There are advantages for participating in the middle school World Language program. Foremost, students will begin building cultural awareness and the language skills necessary to achieve bilingualism. Likewise, for personal growth and for career planning, learning a second language is important, and beginning a language program early helps students to be less inhibited and more likely to retain what they have learned. It is also important to consider that by starting now, students are more likely to take the highest level of world language in high school, which allows them to test out of beginning level college world language courses, saving time and money.

If you are interested in the Level 1 French or Spanish class, please keep the following in mind:

- Level 1 French or Spanish is a high school level course and should be considered a fifth academic class.
- At McConnell, the course lasts four semesters. It will begin in August of the 7th grade and will continue through May of the 8th grade.
- Level 1 French or Spanish will meet during Connections on A or B day.
- To be recommended for Level 2, students must successfully complete the course, including the fall and spring final exams. The final exam counts 20% of the semester grade.
- If students earn the Carnegie unit, they will advance into Level 2 French or Spanish in the ninth grade with the Level 1 credit earned. Students must complete a minimum of two years (two Carnegie units) of the same world language for admissions into GA colleges and universities.
- Class size is limited. Students will be selected based on their application, academic class grades, and teacher recommendation.
- The application must be completed independently by the student, signed by the parent, and returned to the world language teachers (Elidor, Pineda, or Hyppolite) by the due date. Applications are due on Monday, 3/09/26.

We look forward to receiving your application. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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APPLICATION- LEVEL 1 FRENCH or SPANISH

MCCONNELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

DEADLINE: Monday, March 9th, 2026

Please print neatly with blue or black ink.

First and Last Name: _____ Student Number: _____

Homeroom Teacher Name: _____

Check one or all that apply:

- I am currently in Band on *A day* or *B day*
- I am currently in Orchestra on *A day* or *B day*
- I am currently in Chorus on *A day* or *B day*
- I speak Spanish at home *yes* or *no*
- I speak French at home *yes* or *no*
- What is your language preference? *Spanish* or *French*

Student, answer the following question in a neat, well-written paragraph:

Why are you interested in Level 1 Spanish or French?

What qualities do you possess that make you a good candidate for a high school Language Acquisition class?

Teacher Recommendation:

Write the name of the academic teacher that you would like to complete your recommendation form:

Subject area of your recommending teacher (please circle): LA / MA / SC / SS

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Rubric for Application Essay

- 5- proper use of English and thoughtful reasoning for participating in the class
- 4- mostly proper use of English and mostly thoughtful reasoning for participation
- 3- some inaccurate use of English and/or little reasoning for participation
- 2- some inaccurate use of English and little reasoning for participation
- 1- no response, written by parent, or illegible