Wadsworth City Schools

Wadsworth High School

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To: Parents of Students Entering 8th Grade for 2026-2027 School Year

If your student is an in-coming 8th grade student for the 2026-2027 school year, we have an exciting opportunity to offer your child. Seventh and Eighth grade students can now take French 1, Latin 1, or Spanish 1 for High School credit. This level one course may be a possibility based on student interest and teacher availability and will occur during a "Zero Period." The zero period will take place every school day from 6:40 a.m. - 7:24 a.m at Wadsworth High School, and school transportation may be provided.

Students who choose to enroll in one of these courses will be expected to complete the very same curriculum that is taught at the high school level since students will be earning high school credit. The grades earned will be counted toward each student's overall high school G.P.A., so only serious students should consider taking advantage of this opportunity. We recommend that students who are strong in ELA and Math consider this Zero Period option.

Students who successfully complete the level 1 course will then be able to continue with level 2 the following year, which would allow for students to take up to 5 years of a language here at Wadsworth before graduation. Students who complete four or five years of High School level language have the opportunity to earn the state of Ohio's Seal of Biliteracy, complete Advanced Placement or College Credit Plus courses, as well as additional World Language elective courses. According to the Ohio Department of Education's website, the Seal of Biliteracy has many benefits, including bolstering a student's credentials for college admission and scholarships, providing the individual with an advantage over other candidates with potential employers and/or military recruiters, and providing the individual with important 21st century skills. Some universities in the state of Ohio and across the United States award college credit to students who have earned the Seal.

The World Language Department is thrilled to offer this new opportunity. If you and your student are interested in this exciting offering, please complete the bottom portion of this letter and return it to the Middle School Guidance office no later than Friday, February 20th.

Thank you for considering this chance to help your student embark upon an exciting journey to learning another language and culture!

Sincerely,

WHS World Language Department

Yes! My child, _____, is interested in enrolling in the Zero
Student First & Last Name

Period course for:

☐ French I ☐ Spanish I ☐ Latin I

I understand that the course will begin at 6:40 a.m. and that my child will be expected to follow the regular high school curriculum for high school credit and that the grade my child receives at the end of the course will be reflected in his/her overall high school grade point average.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date