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Option Two Program for French/Spanish/Mandarin

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am pleased to inform you that your child can earn five credits towards high school graduation at Mahwah High School through the Option Two Program in World Languages. Your child can qualify for this program by having successfully completed 7th and 8th grade French or Spanish at Ramapo Ridge Middle School and scoring a Novice-High on the **Standards Based Measurement of Proficiency (STAMP)** Assessment. The STAMP is a computerized test which will be administered at the Ridge in May.

Criteria for receiving 5 high school credits:

Students who have taken 7th grade French, Spanish, or Mandarin at Ramapo Ridge and are currently enrolled in the same language in 8th grade are eligible to participate in the Option 2 Program. Credit is awarded upon verification of attendance, a passing grade in both grade 7 and 8, and by demonstrating a proficiency level of Novice-High on the STAMP assessment. At the end of the year, a letter will be mailed home with the results and determination whether your student met all criteria.

Upon meeting the criteria, French 1, Spanish 1, or Mandarin will be listed separately on the student's high school transcript. *Courses **taken prior to grade 9** are not included in the GPA or class rank.* Course credits will count toward graduation but do not fulfill the 2-year world language graduation requirement.

STAMP Information:

Testing will take place in mid-May during Spanish, French or Mandarin class. It is computer-based and divided into four parts; listening, reading, speaking and writing. The assessment reflects exactly what the students have been learning and practicing during their language experience in middle school. There is **no** cost to participate in the STAMP. Please visit the assessment website at: <http://avantassessment.com/stamp4s.html> and browse through the Resources, and take the Sample Test.

Should you have any questions regarding this program, kindly contact Courtney Carrelha, Supervisor of World Languages 6-12, at 201-762-2320 or by email at ccarrelha@mahwah.k12.nj.us.

Sincerely,
John P. Pascale
Principal, Mahwah High School

Courtney Carrelha
Supervisor of World Languages 6-12