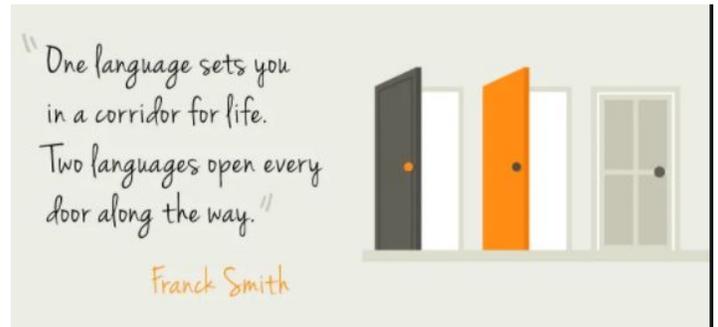


World Language Curriculum Corner

The World Language Program seeks to promote linguistic and cultural literacy while cultivating a life-long appreciation and enthusiasm for languages and the cultures they reflect. We believe that all students can learn a new language and that a global mind-set is a necessity and an asset in today's society. The study of world languages is an interdisciplinary pursuit and it intrinsically helps students view issues from a global perspective; students gain an increased knowledge of their relationship to the world by developing an appreciation for other viewpoints and a deeper understanding of their own culture and the world at large.



At all levels and languages of study, teachers are accessing authentic resources to engage students in language lessons that have students using the target language for at least 90% of the class period. Despite these challenging times, teachers have found ways to thoughtfully use technology as a way to provide constant “comprehensible input” (a fancy word for language input), cultural connections, and oral practice to keep students growing in proficiency. Apps like FlipGrid allow students to practice oral skills by recording speaking responses to teacher prompts, Google Breakout rooms allow students to work in small groups, and EdPuzzle allows teachers to curate videos and embed questions and content. While things are not exactly the same as pre-COVID-19 times, we certainly have learned a great deal about technology tools that enhance language learning this year and beyond.



As seniors, students have the opportunity to take a test to qualify for the **Seal of Bilingual Literacy**, a graduation honor given to students by the New Jersey Department of Education, celebrating the ability to read, speak, and write in multiple languages. This year, nearly 100 students across all three high schools have taken rigorous language assessments, representing 10 different languages, in an effort to achieve this graduation honor! For more information about this prestigious graduation accolade, visit this NJDOE link [NJDOE Seal of Bilingual Literacy](#).

Lastly, there are several language options for students during their high school career. Grade eight students were recently visited by high school language teachers who presented the Heritage Spanish, French, and German programs and clubs that are available as course options in high school. These language programs are rich with culture, authentic content, and real world connections. If you are interested in learning more about these language programs, please watch the videos linked below to hear from our language teacher experts. You will find that the skills and experiences of student language learners extend well beyond the school walls!

[Intermediate East/North German Video](#)

[Intermediate South German Video](#)

[Intermediate South/North/East French Video](#)

[Intermediate South/North/East Heritage Spanish Video](#)