

Dear Future War Eagle,

Welcome to South Forsyth High School! Did you know that we offer FOUR world languages? Even though Spanish in middle school is a good introduction to all languages, **you can take any language you want in high school!** In fact, you can even learn two or more languages at South!

We offer

- French I – II – II/III – III – IV – AP – IB**
- German I – II – II/III – III – IV – AP – IB**
- Latin I – II – III – IV – IB**
- Spanish II – III – III/IV – IV – AP – IB**

Learning a new language improves your critical thinking skills, gives you a better understanding of other cultures and your own, and makes your college application more competitive. If you want to go to a good university, you'll need more than two years of a language. In the process you will have tons of fun and make lifelong friends. Every year our language students have the chance to travel and participate in local and state-wide competitions, an international talent show, a Christmas market, concerts, plays, museum trips and many more cultural activities on campus.

While continuing Spanish seems to be the natural choice for some, we encourage you to instead consider learning French, German, or Latin. **Colleges and employers look for applicants who stand out from the crowd.** If "everyone speaks Spanish," as the cliché goes, then what makes you special? Here are a few of the advantages other languages offer:

French is:

- the source of over half of modern day English, which makes learning easier! English has borrowed many French words and phrases, such as *cuisine, elite, faux pas, R.S.V.P., gourmet, debris, camouflage, boulevard, and naive.*
- the official language of the Olympic Committee, the EU, NATO, the International Red Cross, and Doctors Without Borders. It is also the international language of cooking, fashion, theatre, visual arts, dance, and architecture.
- also a business language! Many companies have headquarters in both the US and France, such as Hewlett-Packard, Xerox, Apple, Michelin, Renault, Bic, and more!

German is:

- useful and often required for college students majoring in engineering, music, philosophy, and all STEM subjects. Plus, German universities do not charge tuition, so you could get your bachelor's, master's, or even PhD in Germany for free! We are an official partner school of the German government, giving our students access to scholarships, study abroad opportunities, and more.
- profitable. According to *The Economist*, knowing German boosts the average salary by 4%. There are over 500 German companies located in Georgia alone, providing thousands of jobs.
- much easier to learn than people think. Can you translate these German words: Hand, Maus, Haus, Sofa, Ball, Gras, Ring, Glas, Schule, Vater?

Latin is:

- useful in the fields of law, medicine, science, math and computer programming.
- practical for students who want to learn a language but do not want to *speak* it.
- a highly logical language that enhances critical and creative thinking skills and helps decode vocabulary for English and many other languages.

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