

## World Language Recommendation for 9<sup>th</sup> graders

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- It is recommended that any incoming ninth grade students receiving a “D” or below in their current language class repeat that level at Paint Branch in order to ensure a successful first year.
- Students failing their middle school language course must repeat the level at Paint Branch, or start a different language in the ninth grade.
- Students who are fluent native Spanish or French speakers should take the placement test to determine which level is the best match and may contact their counselor for that. These students are additionally encouraged to sign up for a language other than their native language.
- Students who have weak reading skills and are recommended for remedial courses such as READ 180 should wait to take foreign language at a later time. The exception to this would be ESOL students who are in Academic Reading but have strong skills in their native language.

Four years of a language course is college recommending, so students should keep that in mind when planning their schedules. Advanced language and AP courses are also offered and students receive college credit if their scores on AP exams are high enough.

Many students who have taken World Language courses at Paint Branch have taken advantage of the opportunity to travel with the school. Teachers plan exchange trips during the school year with other countries, including France and Spain, usually alternating years. Summer trips to Japan and other countries are also offered, depending on the interests of the students. Students may sign up for the trips as long as they are enrolled in a World Language course.

