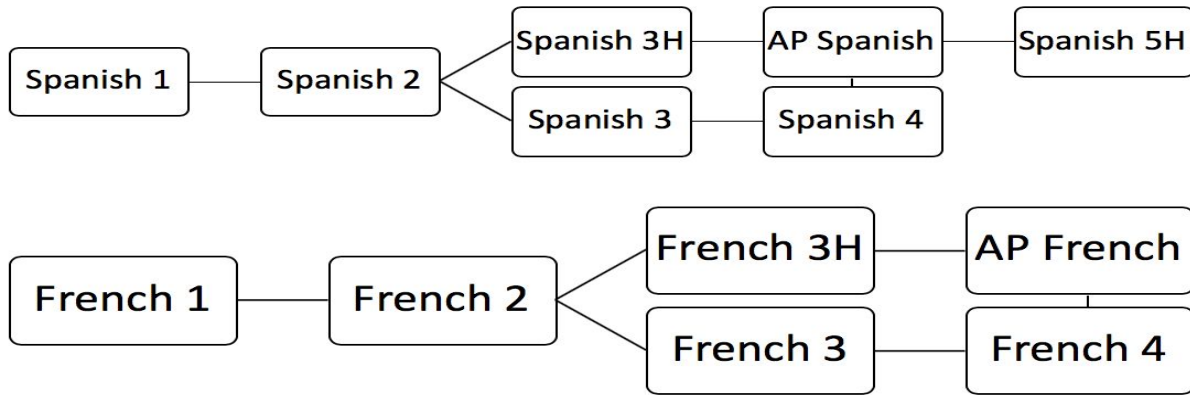


Why learn a second language?

World Language offerings @ LSHS



Earn state recognition and college credit!

The Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy and Commendation Toward Biliteracy are awards bestowed by the Illinois State Board of Education in recognition and celebration of students who have attained a high level of proficiency in the four domains of listening, speaking, reading and writing in English and one or more other languages by their high school graduation.



Why should I pursue the Seal of Biliteracy?

- Potential to earn college credit
- Scholarships / Honor recognition
- Recognized on transcript, diploma and at graduation
- Proven credential for the workplace

Become a world traveler!

Costa Rica: A Touch of the Tropics



Paris and the Châteaux



BE CAREFUL!! — Second language may not be required to apply to your college but you might have to take it in college if you have not in high school! **DO YOUR RESEARCH!**

State University Foreign Language Requirements for Admission and Graduation

University	Foreign Language Requirement for Admission	Foreign Language Requirement for Graduation
Chicago State University	Not required	All Majors - 6 hours of college language (can be met by assessment /proficiency test or college level courses only)
Eastern Illinois University	Not required	All Bachelor Degrees - 2 semesters of college language (can be met by 2 years of single foreign language in high school with "C" or better average)
Governors State University	Not required	Not required
Illinois State University	2 years of one foreign language OR 2 years of fine arts	College of Arts and Sciences - 2 semesters of college language (can be met by successful completion of 3 years of same foreign language in high school). American Sign Language may be used to fulfill this requirement by transfer credit or by proficiency. Bachelor of Arts – 3 semesters of college language (may be met by proficiency test or college level courses only)
Northeastern Illinois University	Not required	Not required
Northern Illinois University	Humanities: 2 years of foreign language or combination of language, art, music, theatre	Bachelor of Arts - 2 years of one foreign language at the college level (can be met by 4 years of one foreign language in high school with "C" or greater in each course)
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	Not required; used toward fulfillment of 2 year elective requirement. Must include two semesters of the same language.	College of Liberal Arts - one year (2 courses) of college language (met by college coursework or exam only) Bachelor of Fine Arts (in College of Liberal Arts) - exempt from language requirement
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	Not required – 2 years recommended	Bachelor of Arts – college language required (met by college level coursework only)
University of Illinois Chicago	2 years of one language	College of Business - 2 semesters at college level (can be met by 2 years of language in high school) College of Architecture and the Arts - 2 semesters at college level (can be met by 2 years of language in high school) College of Liberal Arts and Sciences - 4 semesters at college level (met by language placement test or college level language courses only)
University of Illinois Springfield	2 years of one language or 2 years of fine arts. Honors students must have 2 years of one language.	Not required
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	2 years of one language required. 4 years recommended	Colleges of Business and Liberal Arts and Sciences – up to the 4th collegiate level of foreign language (can be met by 4 years of one high school foreign language) All other colleges - up to the 3rd collegiate level (can be met by 3 years of one high school foreign language)
Western Illinois University	2 years of foreign language or 2 years of an elective that may include: foreign language, music, art, theatre, film, religion, philosophy, speech, or journalism	Selected majors - bi-cultural-bi-lingual education, foreign language, and biology (can be met by 2 years of high school foreign language)