

Hereford High School World Languages Department



"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart."

Nelson Mandela

Our courses

The World Languages Department at Hereford High School offers a complete and challenging language program for all students.

We currently offer students the choice of two languages:
French or Spanish.

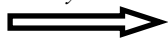
Both the French and Spanish programs offer classes from level 1 to 5 and 6 AP. Honors options are available at levels 3 and 4 with both levels 5 and 6 being designated AP. Students take the AP exam in the at the end of the Level 6 course.



Our teachers

All teachers in the Hereford World Languages Department are dedicated to the teaching of their respective languages and providing students with the best experience possible.

At right is our staff for the 2021-2022 school year.



Communicative Modes

All World Languages Courses are proficiency based and seek to develop a student's abilities to read, write, listen to, and speak the target language. Unit and Final exams and are written as Integrated Performance Assessments (IPAs). With an IPA, students are tested in the three modes of communication:

- ◇ *Interpretive (listening/reading),*
- ◇ *Interpersonal (speaking/writing)*
- ◇ *Presentation (speaking/writing).*

Advanced Placement



Students enrolled in Level 6 French and Spanish may sit for the AP Language and Culture Exams in May of the year of study. This is a challenging exam that tests a student's ability to read, write, speak, and understand the target language using only authentic materials.

Peggy Kopp, Chair
(French, Spanish)

Helen Bagdasarov, French

Tiffany Bibaud, Spanish

William Grome, Spanish

Carolyn Marshall, Spanish

Sabrina Martin, Spanish

The Maryland State Seal of Biliteracy



The Maryland State Seal of Biliteracy is awarded to students who demonstrate a proficiency level of Intermediate High or better in a language other than English. The Seal can be earned prior to graduation in one of two ways:

- 1) By earning a **composite score of a 4 or a 5** on the AP Spanish or French Language and Culture Exam. This exam is offered annually in May by College Board.
- 2) By earning a **composite score of 15** or higher on the ACTFL AAPPL exam. This exam can be taken year round at school or at home. The AAPPL exam is offered in many languages including:

Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Thai..

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Clubs



Our clubs allow students the opportunity to interact with other students studying the same language and to participate in activities outside of the classroom that increase a student's linguistic or cultural knowledge.

If you are interested in joining a language club, ask a language teacher today!

Honor Societies

Students in the World Languages Department have the opportunity each year to be nominated to the French, or Spanish National Honor Societies. Nominations occur in May and follow each Society's national chapter requirements.

Nominations are based on in-class performance and participation in extracurricular activities.

Nominations occur at the end of the 4th or 5th year of study. Students who are initiated into the Honor Society AND who complete AP level 6 are eligible to wear the appropriate honor cord at graduation.

