World Languages Needs Assessment Presentation





Chartiers Valley School District

MISSION

The mission of the Chartiers Valley School District, a community dedicated to shared leadership, is to graduate students who achieve personal success by providing an exceptional academic foundation in a safe, nurturing environment that inspires **creativity and innovation** while **embracing diversity**.

VISION

The Chartiers Valley School District Vision is to inspire excellence in instruction, learning and innovation to prepare our students to achieve **personal success**.



BENEFITS OF LANGUAGE LEARNING

Brain

Growth

Learning a language

at any age makes

your brain grow.¹¹

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Research & Best Practices

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For more info, see this article on StudentScholarhips.org: <u>http://bit.ly/3Fn5lv3</u>

Test Scores

Bilingual students do better on standardized tests in math, reading, and vocabulary.¹

Life Skills

Bilingual children develop superior attention, mental flexibility,² and memory.³

Cognition

Bilingual students outperform monolingual students in forming scientific hypotheses.⁴

> **Longevity** Onset of Alzheimer's disease is delayed by 4-5 years in bilingual adults.⁸

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College Success

High school students who study languages do better academically in college.⁵

Higher Earnings

The additional lifetime earnings of a bilingual worker can be as much as \$128,000.⁶



88% of job recruiters say speaking more than one language is critical to business success.⁷

Healthier Brain

Bilingual adults who get Alzheimer's disease suffer less brain damage.⁹

Better Recovery

Bilingual adults are twice as likely to retain full brain function after a stroke. $^{\rm 10}$

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O2 Summary of Recommendations

- Purchase new class sets of textbooks at the HS/MS Level, including online licenses for enhanced tools and relevant topics and references.
- Annual training in current best practices for world language instructional techniques.
- World Language Department Head.
- Review multimedia tools and subscriptions to support world language instruction.
- Update equipment at IS as needed.

New Textbooks

- In order to provide the most current instruction, we need textbooks that have the most up-to-date audio/visual tools, terminology, and relevant cultural topics.
- Classroom sets of new textbooks at the HS/MS Level (Grades 8-12) with online licenses (1 per student) for digital textbook and robust online resources.
- Many of our current textbooks are outdated
- Spanish 1-3: ©2004
- Spanish 4: ©2011
- AP Spanish: no textbook currently

- French 1-3: ©2005
- French 4: ©2008

- German 1-3: ©2004
- German 4: no textbook currently

Annual Training for Teachers

- Schedule annual world language specific training to refresh and invigorate our teaching practices.
- Teachers who attend training will bring the information back and share with the department.

World Language-Specific Department Head

- Our subject area comes with unique needs that are best supported by a World Language teacher.
- A point person to be in charge of our Global Scholars program and to compile data for the PSMLA Globe distinction.
- There are 9 WL teachers serving over 2,000 students in Grades 3-12.

- **IS:** 800+
- **MS**: ~750
- **HS**: ~485
- **TOTAL:** 2,035

Department Subscriptions

- Explore multimedia tools and/or subscriptions to support and enhance instruction for the World Language Department.
- Currently we use different items and would like to develop consistent and cohesive options to support the curriculum.
 - Examples: Peardeck, Charlala, El Mundo en Tus Manos, Conjuguemos, Sr. Wooly, Peardeck

Technology

- The IS Language Lab has been utilized due to the need for hardwired connection to provide speed and connectivity for the online program that is part of the curriculum.
- Computers/headphones/microphones/mice/keyboards & covers/speakers will need replaced periodically due to wear and tear.

03	Estimated Costs	One-time	Yearly	Guten Tag!
	Textbooks & online licenses (Fr 1-4, Ger 1-4, Sp 1-5AP Grades 8-12)	\$166,000		
	Attendance at local, regional, or state professional development		\$500	¡Hola!
	World Language-Specific Department Head		\$3,300	
	Department online subscriptions		\$1,800	Bonjour!
	Equipment Updates at Intermediate School		\$300	

Survey Responses

Percentage of Parent/Community Members who think that AP French and German should be offered **85% Yes or Maybe**

□ 15% No

Percentage of current CV language students (grades 8-12) and all seniors who think that AP French and German should be offered

95.3% Yes or Maybe
4.7% No

04 Future Vision

- 5 Levels of Language to provide options for students throughout high school.
- Visit and review recognized World Language Programs to further build the vision of CV's World Language.

Danke! ¡Gracias! Merci! Any questions?

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¡Adios!

Au revoir!

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