

SECOND LANGUAGES

Wakefield High School offers French, German, Latin, and Spanish. Generally, colleges and universities require a minimum of two credits of the same second language for admission; however many competitive schools favor three consecutive years of the same language. Very competitive students should consider four or more credits of the same language, including AP courses. Please refer to the WCPSS High School Planning Guide for course descriptions on pages 84-87 and to the school website for FAQ.

Second Language teachers will work with their current students to determine the most appropriate level placement. Registration for continuing courses requires teacher recommendations.

The following should be considered when registering for second language courses:

Level I	Students should have earned a minimum of a “C” in their English course and are expected to function at grade level in grammar and communication skills.
Level II	Departmental guidelines suggest a minimum grade of a “C” in Level I AND be recommended by their Level I teacher. Rising 9th graders who have completed two or more full years of Spanish must post a satisfactory score on the Wakefield High Placement Test.
Level III, IV, and AP	Students are required to have earned a minimum of a “B” in prior levels, have a strong commitment to second language learning AND be recommended by their teacher.
*NOTE: Students should register for Foreign Language Levels 1 and 2 during the same year.	

The chart that follows will assist students in making appropriate Second Language course selections, based on their interests, goals and pathways. **Ninth graders should strongly consider their course load, pathway, and English grades when registering for a Second Language course.**

Available Languages: French, German, Latin, Spanish	Second Languages Suggested Course of Sequence Options for Rising 9th Graders			
If you....	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
...have previous Middle School Language Experience and recommendation from teacher	Level II (a placement test will be given)	Level III and/or IV	Level IV and/or V or AP	Advanced Placement Language or Literature
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ...are identified AG in English or Math ...have excellent study habits and attendance ...are highly motivated 	Second Language Level I and II	Second Language Level III	Second Language Level IV and/or Level V	Advanced Placement Language or Literature
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended for students on the College-Prep pathway or to meet UNC two-year requirement 	----	Second Language Level I and II	(Optional) Second Language Level III	(Optional) Second Language Level IV

Available Languages: French, German, Latin, Spanish	Second Language Suggested Course of Sequence Options for Upperclassmen			
What plans of study do you have?	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Recommended for students on the College-Prep pathway or to meet UNC two-year requirement	----	Second Language Level I and II	(Optional) Second Language Level III	(Optional) Second Language Level IV
For students who want to take AP Language or Literature	Second Language Level I and II	Second Language Level III and/or IV	Second Language Level IV and/or V	Advanced Placement (Language or Literature)
Options for those who wish to study more than one language	Second Language Level I and II	Second Language Level III and IV	New Second Language Level I and II	New Second Language III and/or IV