

## Second Languages – Honors levels

Wakefield High School offers French, German, Latin, and Spanish. Students who are on the college-prep pathway must fulfill two courses of a second language (usually levels 1 and 2). Levels 3 and 4 in each language are automatically considered for Honor's credit in Wake County.

### What students can expect from an honor's level second language class:

- Students will build upon information learned from the previous two levels and use this information to communicate more effectively in the target language.
- Reading and writing skills are stressed and practiced on a regular basis in the target language.
- Students are expected to work independently, and outside of the classroom.
- Projects are criterion-based, with an emphasis on a deeper understanding of the material.
- Expansion of cultural topics.
- Students work on interpreting material and thinking critically about various topics in the target language.
- More in-depth oral presentations that demonstrate a student's grasp of the material or topic.

Honors Level provides students with additional opportunities to expand their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills as they create with the language and as they access short literary texts, authentic materials, and media on generally familiar topics. Students begin to initiate and maintain face-to-face communication in the target language. They identify main idea(s) and significant details in discussions, presentations, and written texts within a cultural context, read and interpret authentic materials, narrate and describe in sentences, groups of related sentences, and short cohesive passages in present, past, and future time (including subjunctive).

Students continue to refine their knowledge and understanding of the target language and culture(s) and their own by examining the interrelationship of other cultures to their own, by demonstrating behaviors appropriate in target cultures, and by applying their knowledge and skills inside and outside of the classroom setting.