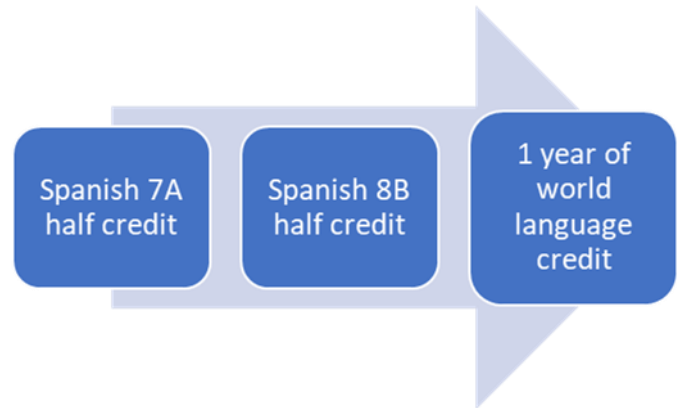


World Language at Thompson’s Station Middle School

Options for Rising 7th graders

At TSMS, we offer Spanish 7A/8B to our rising 7th grade students. This is a 2-year course in which students will earn 1 year of high school foreign language credit. Spanish 7A is completed in 7th grade, and Spanish 8B is completed in 8th grade. Students must complete and pass both 7A and 8B to receive a high school Spanish credit. Partial credits are not awarded.



Students may choose to:

- Enroll in Spanish 7A with the intention of completing Spanish 8B in 8th grade.
- Delay world language until 8th grade and take World Language I Honors (if qualified).
 - Please look at the Information on the Rising 8th Graders document for guidance on the qualifications for Spanish and French I Honors. If your student is currently meeting those requirements and you believe an accelerated placement might be a better option for your child, we recommend delaying world language until 8th grade.
- Delay world language until high school.

Plan ahead!

	7 th grade	8 th grade	9 th grade	10 th grade	Notes
Option A	Spanish 7A & Related Arts OR Focus	Spanish 8B & Related Arts OR Focus	Spanish II	Spanish III (Optional)	Students enter high school with one world language credit. All students are required to take two credits of world language to receive the Williamson County diploma.
Option B	Related Arts & Focus	World Language I Honors & Related Arts OR Focus	World Language II	World Language III (Optional)	Students must meet minimum requirements to participate in the Spanish or French I Honors program as an 8 th grader. This student enters high school with one honors level world language credit. All students are required to take two credits of world language to receive the Williamson County diploma.
Option C	Related Arts & Focus	Related Arts & Focus	World Language I	World Language II	This student will begin world language studies in high school. Student is required to take two years of a world language in high school to receive the Williamson County diploma.

Course Descriptions

7A

7A is the first part of a two-year study in introductory Spanish offered to 7th graders. It is the beginning of a high-school level course with expectations to match! The course is focused on building proficiency in the language, not only the ability to reproduce vocabulary and perform grammar drills. We will focus on communication skills, with a heavy emphasis on listening comprehension. Students will end this year with the ability to have basic conversations on a range of topics including introductory information, interests, one's family, and traditions.

8B

8B is the second part of a two-year study in introductory Spanish offered to 8th graders who have completed 7A. Once 7A and 8B are complete, students will receive high-school credit for Spanish I. The course is still focused on proficiency and practical communication. Students will explore topics like free time activities, clothing, responsibilities, community, and citizenship.

To apply

- Students must have passing grades in current 6th grade academic classes.
- Must meet minimum requirements on STAR math and reading assessments.

Commitment

Students must maintain a passing average to continue through the 7A/8B quarterly course progression.

Scheduling

Both 7A and 8B are year-long courses. Students will take Spanish instead of either their Related Arts OR their Study Focus. You will be able to indicate your preferences on the Class Request Google Form. Due to the popularity of this class, please note that we may not be able to accommodate all interested students.

Information for rising 8th graders

Honors Foreign Language at Thompson's Station Middle School

At TSMS, some 8th grade students can take Spanish I Honors or French I Honors during their 8th grade year. To be eligible, **students must meet or exceed certain requirements.** These honors level courses are offered to 8th graders for high school credit. Students must be self-motivated must have superior study skills to succeed. Due to the quantity of material covered, students will move at a challenging pace. Credit for this class will appear on high school transcripts as a pass or fail and will not be calculated into the student's high school grade point average (GPA).

Requirements

- Students must have all As and Bs in current 7th grade academic classes.
- Must meet minimum requirements on STAR math and reading assessments
- Must meet minimum requirements for input from academic teachers.

Students who meet requirements may choose to:

- Enroll in Spanish or French I Honors as an 8th grader.
- Delay foreign language until high school.

Plan ahead!

	8 th grade	9 th grade	10 th grade	Notes
Option A	Honors Foreign Language & Related Arts OR Focus	Honors FL II	Honors FL III (Optional)	Students must meet minimum requirements to participate in the Spanish I Honors program as an 8 th grader. This student enters high school with one honors level world language credit. All students are required to take two credits of world language to receive the Williamson County diploma.
Option B	Related Arts & Focus	World Language I	World Language II	This student will begin world language studies in high school. Student is required to take two years of a world language in high school to receive the Williamson County diploma.

Course Description

Spanish I Honors and French I Honors are a high-school honors level course only offered to 8th graders and is best for students with a strong work ethic and interest in the language. Students will be challenged more than 7A/8B students, as their course will be completed in one academic year instead of two. Students will receive similar instruction and content as 7A/8B students, but at a faster pace and with more rigorous work and expectations*. Students will receive high-school credit.

*Honors students will receive 3 Honors points added to each semester average to account for the rigor.

Commitment

- Students must maintain a passing average to continue through the Honors Foreign Language quarterly course progression.
- A quarterly average below an 81% will put students on a probationary period for the next quarter. The following quarter, the student must make an 81% or above to continue through the Honors Foreign Language quarterly course progression.

Scheduling

Honors Foreign Language classes are year-long courses, offered at Summit High school. Students will take Spanish instead of either their Related Arts OR their Study Focus. You will be able to indicate your preferences on the Class Request Google Form. Please note, this class is an invitation only class based on the requirements outlined on the previous page.