

## Information for rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders

# World Language at Summit High School

At SHS, some TSMS students can take Spanish or French I Honors during their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. In order to be eligible, **students must meet or exceed certain requirements**. Spanish and French I Honors are classes offered to 8<sup>th</sup> graders for high school credit. Students must be self-motivated and 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 A's and B's in current 7<sup>th</sup> 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 I Honors or French I Honors as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader.
- Delay foreign language until high school.

## Plan ahead!

	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Notes
Option A	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 <sup>th</sup> 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 and French I Honors are high-school honors level courses only offered to 8th graders and are 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 for Spanish or French I Honors.

\*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 World 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 World Language quarterly course progression.

## Scheduling

Honors World 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.