

Give Yourself a Competitive Edge

Did you know that studying a second language can improve your skills and grades in math and English and can improve entrance exam scores—SAT®, ACT®, GRE®, MCAT®, and LSAT®?

Research has shown that math and verbal SAT scores climb higher with each additional year of foreign language study, which means that the longer you study a foreign language, the stronger your skills become to succeed in school. Studying a foreign language can improve your analytic and interpretive capacities. And three years of language study on your record will catch the eye of anyone reading your job or college application.

If you've already learned a language other than English at home, expanding your knowledge of its vocabulary, grammar, culture, and literature—at the same time you are learning English—will also improve your chances for success in school and in your career.



Which Language Should You Learn?



There's no one answer. Here are the twelve most likely to be offered in your high school or college: Spanish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Hebrew, Greek, Chinese, Arabic, and Portuguese. Swahili, American Sign Language, and Navajo—and 121 other languages—are also taught in American high schools, colleges, and universities. Whatever language you choose, learning it will make a difference in how you see the world and in how the world sees you.

Teachers, advisors, and parents may obtain individual copies or packets of *twelve of the brochures* at no charge by writing the Office of Foreign Language Programs, Modern Language Association, 85 Broad Street, Suite 500, New York, NY 10004-2024; lfprchance@mla.org. This brochure may be duplicated. Illustrations, by Eloise Cooper, may not be used for any other purpose.



Why Learn Another Language?

Knowing Other Languages Brings Opportunities

Extend Your Reach!

Know Another Culture!

Get a Better Job!



The world is full of languages.

How far do you have to go from your front door to know that this is true? Think about how many more people and places you could really get to know, newspapers and books you could read, movies and TV programs you could understand, Web sites you could visit with another language!