

# World Language Parent Meeting

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## Why World Languages?

**"Americans who are fluent in more than one language can enhance America's economic competitiveness abroad, maintain its political and security interests, and work to promote an understanding of cultural diversity within the United States."**

Kathleen M. Marcos of the Nanduti Project, quoted in Chen, Alice, *Top 5 Reasons your child will benefit from learning a foreign language*, Frontiers Academy, <http://frontiersacademy.org/top-5-reasons-child-will-benefit-learning-foreign-language/>.

**"Language learning correlates with higher academic achievement on standardized test measures."**

**"There is a correlation between language learning and students' ability to hypothesize in science."**

From *What does research show about the benefits of language learning?*, American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, <https://www.actfl.org/advocacy/what-the-research-shows>

### Spanish 7 (1A)

- Introduction to the Spanish language and culture
- Learn to exchange information about yourself in Spanish
- Speaking, writing about everyday life (school, family, interests)
- Culture and Geography, with emphasis on Spanish in the United States, Spain, Mexico
- Equivalent of Semester 1 of High School Spanish

### German 7 (1A)

- Introduction to German language and culture.
- Learn to speak and write about people, feelings, hobbies, and preferences
- Learn to make basic requests and ask simple questions
- Culture and geography, with emphasis on Germany, Austria, and Switzerland
- Equivalent of Semester 1 of High School German

### Communication Arts 7

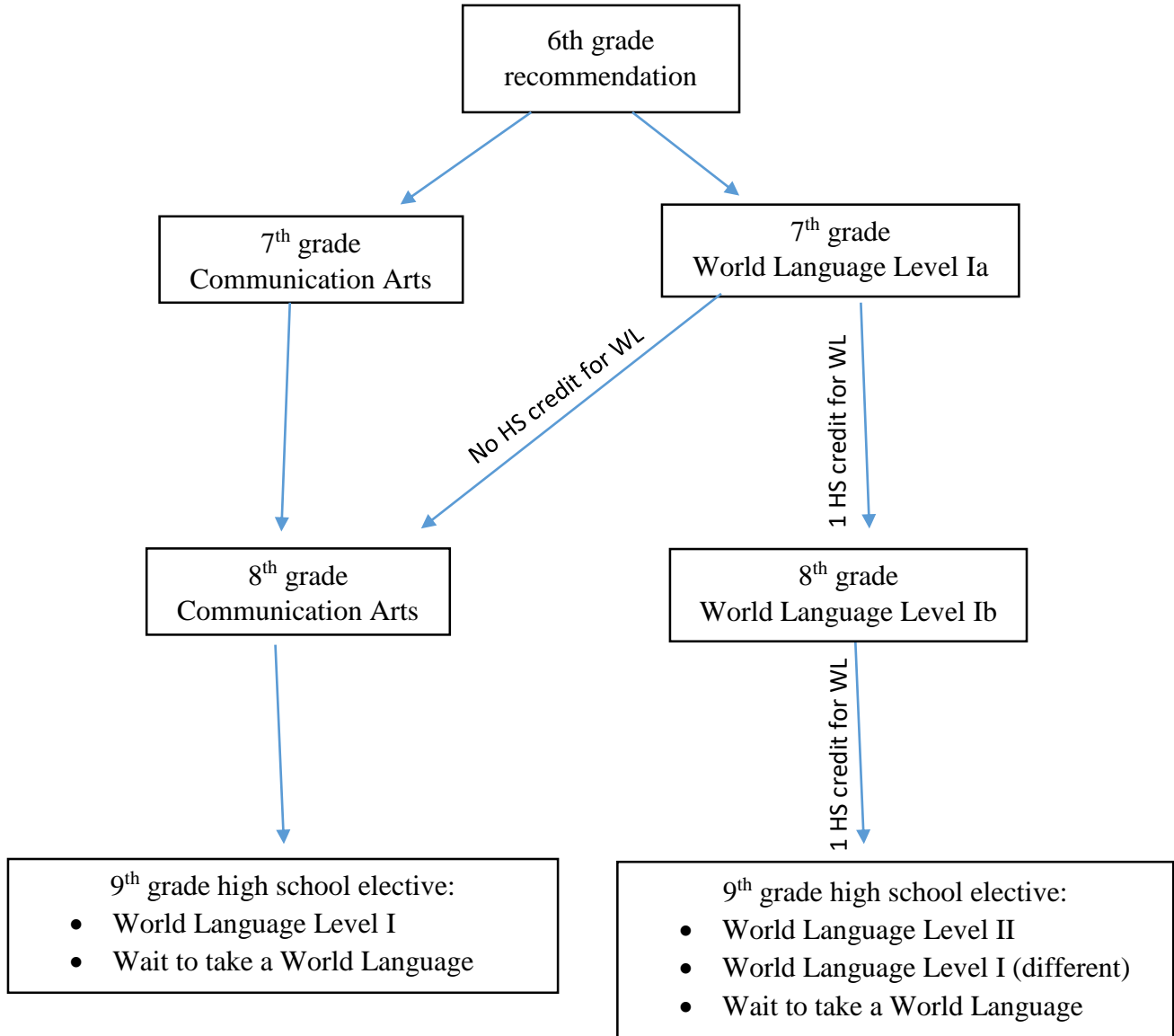
- Reinforce and build on skills such as grammar, vocabulary, nonfiction text analysis, and writing
- Students continue to develop an appreciation of written and spoken language
- Students understand the skills that are needed to become a successful writer and thinker
- Option for students not enrolled in a World Language class

### Fun facts about Spanish\*:

- 11 Nobel Prizes for Literature
- 2nd language for international communication
- Influenced by Latin and Arabic languages

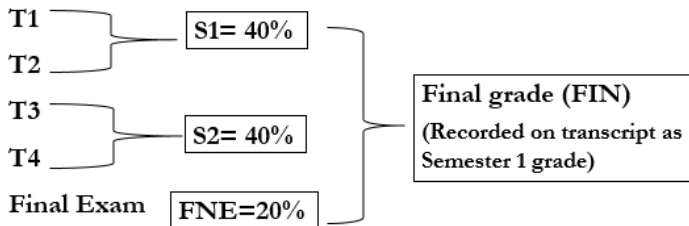
### Fun facts about German\*:

- Germany has a surplus of wind, solar, and water energy
- English and German share 60% of their vocabulary
- Germany: EU's largest economy

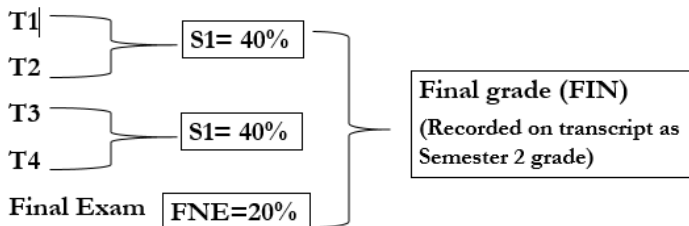


### World Language Grade Calculation (Middle School to High School)

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade



#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



GPA Chart	
A+ = 4.3	C+ = 2.3
A = 4.0	C = 2.0
A- = 3.7	C- = 1.7
B+ = 3.3	D+ = 1.3
B = 3.0	D = 1.0
B- = 2.7	D- = 0.7
F = 0	