

World Languages in Whitefish Bay

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[Program Mission]

- **Through the Whitefish Bay World Language Program students will become knowledgeable about the world, be able to communicate in languages other than English, and be informed, active, global citizens.**

Elementary Structure

Elementary

2000

No elementary World Language instruction in Whitefish Bay

2007

- 1-5 Grades
- 1 hour per week
- Spanish at CU
- French at RI

[Elementary Purpose]

- Provide students with 1 hour instruction per week to:
 - Build confidence and comfort in listening to another language.
 - Build confidence and comfort in producing another language.
 - Begin to build confidence and comfort in writing and reading another language.
 - Provide a foundation for learning other languages.
 - Generate interest in other languages and cultures.
- Program emphasizes multi-sensory, developmentally appropriate activities for students.

Middle School Structure

Middle School

2000

○6th Grade

9 week exploratory

○7th Grade

1 semester elective

○8th Grade

Full year elective

2007

○6th Grade

7 week explore, 7 week focus

○7th Grade

Full year elective

○8th Grade

Full year elective

[Middle School Purpose]

- Allow students the opportunity to make an informed decision before selecting a language to formally study.
- Develop proficiency aligned to the first year of high school instruction as related to speaking, listening, reading, writing, and culture.

High School Structure

High School

2000

5 year AP sequence in:

- Spanish
- French
- German

3 year sequence in:

- Latin

2007

5 year AP sequence in:

- Spanish
- French
- German

- Year-long Spanish literature course

[High School Purpose]

- Develop proficiency in speaking, reading, listening, writing, and culture.
- Meet college entrance requirements.
- Develop skills to demonstrate proficiency on assessments such as AP and college placement tests.

Area/Notable Programs

- Survey of Area/Notable Programs
- Arrowhead HS, Cedarburg, Elmbrook, Franklin, Grafton, Greendale, Hamilton, Middleton-Cross Plains, Muskego-Norway, Nicolet HS, Oak Creek, Oconomowoc, Racine, Shorewood, South Milwaukee, Whitefish Bay, Whitnall
- Clayton, MO; Edina, MN; Stevenson (suburban Chicago)

[Elementary Programs]

- Whitefish Bay is one of four districts in the 18 district sample with a 1-5th grade elementary program.*

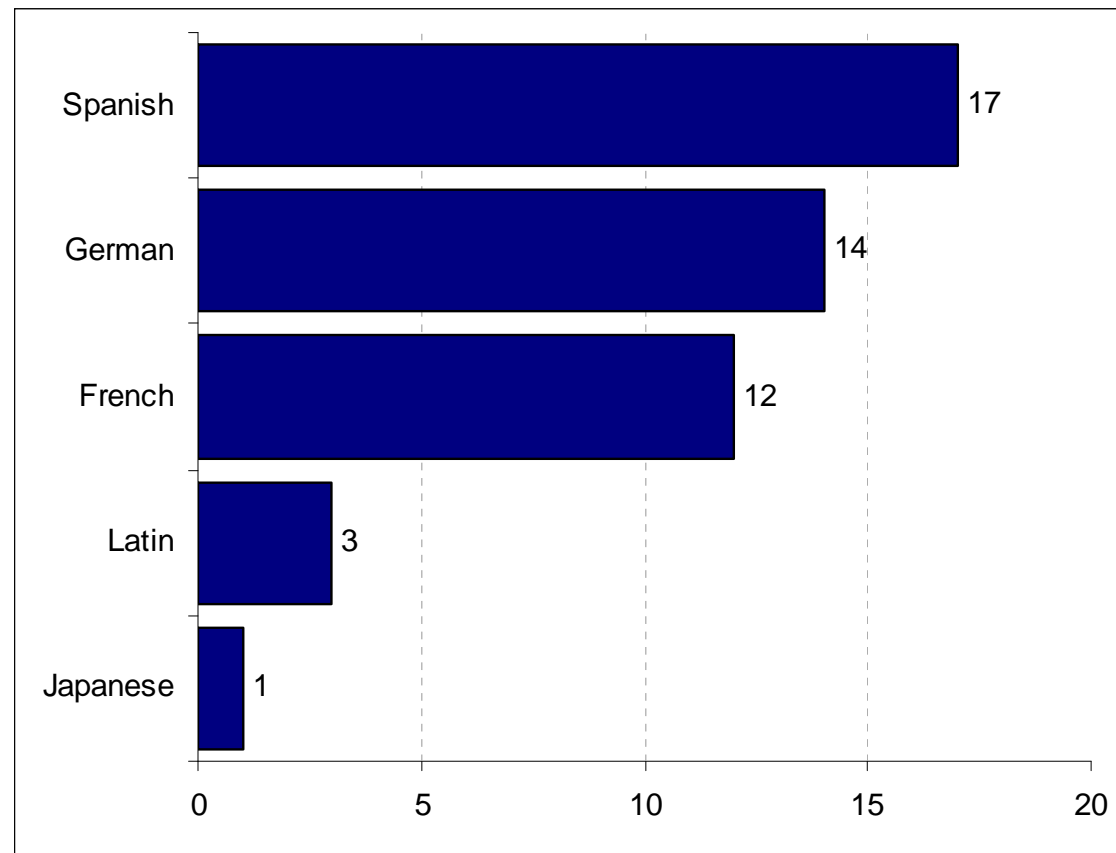
*Clayton, MO; Edina, MN; Shorewood

[Middle School Programs]

- All Middle Schools in the sample offer at least one language.
- 8 of 18 have a middle school exploratory program at grade 6 or 7.
- Students formally select a language for study in....
 - Grade 6 at 2 schools
 - Grade 7 at 12 schools
 - Grade 8 at 4 schools

[Middle School Programs]

- Distribution of Languages

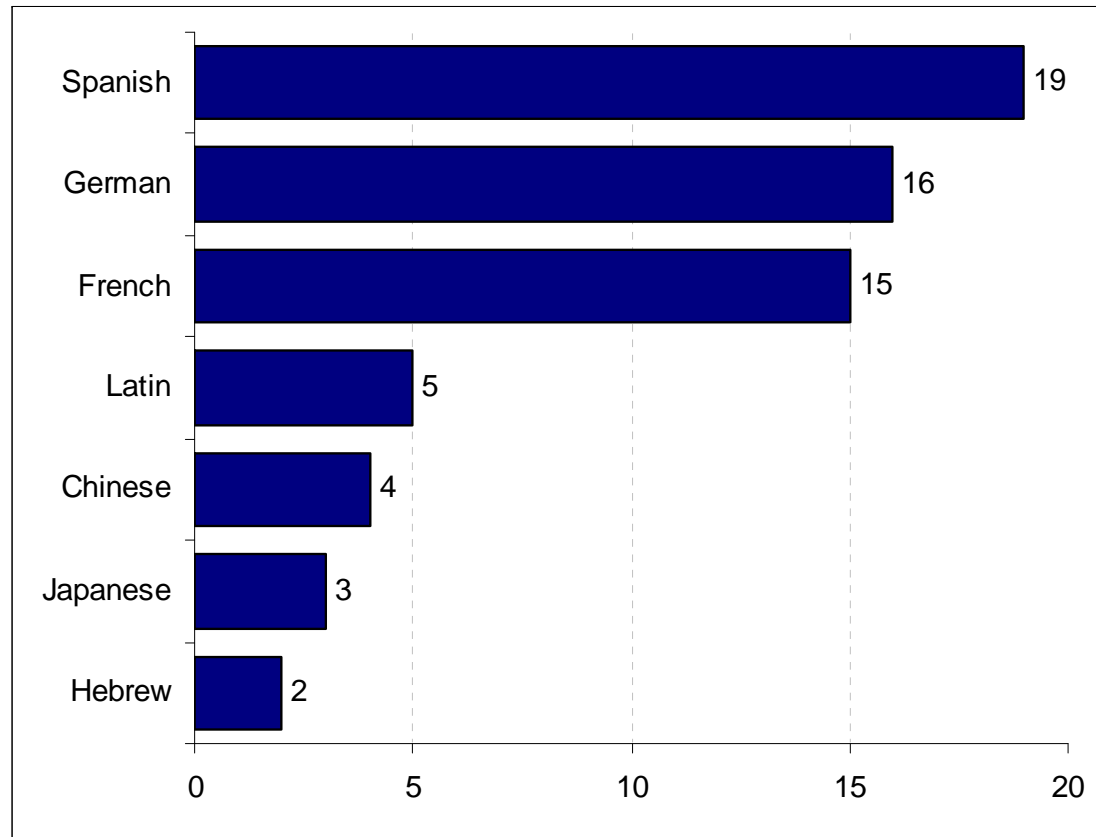


[High School Programs]

- 15 of the 19 high schools offer at least one AP World Language courses.

High School Programs

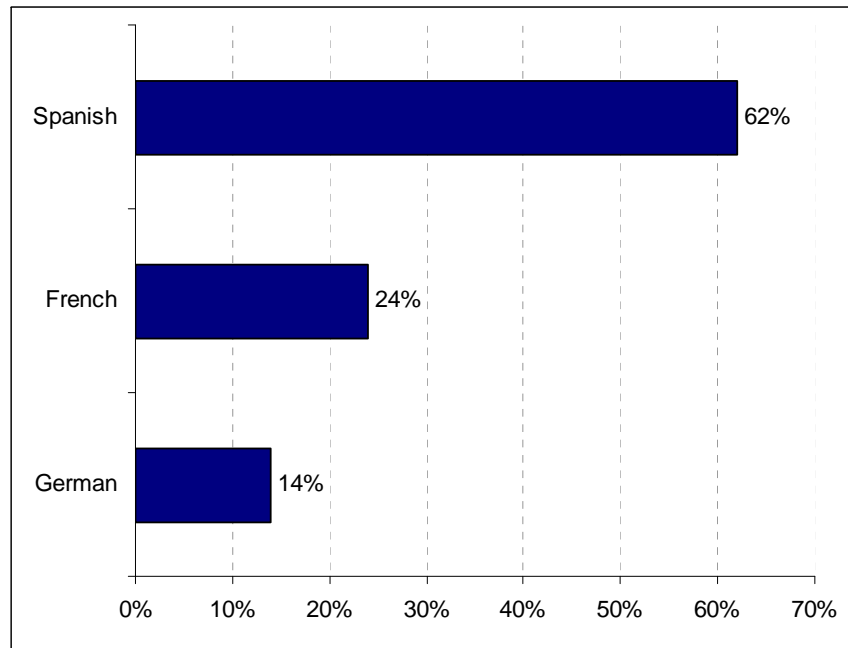
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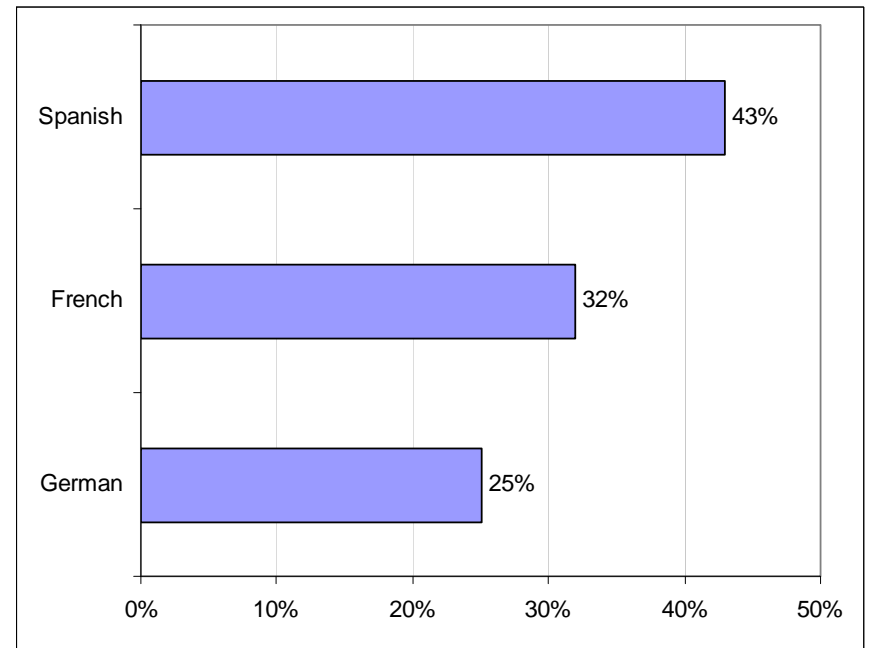
Chinese: Stevenson, Edina, Shorewood, Nicolet; Japanese: Franklin, Edina, Stevenson

High School Programs

Whitefish Bay- Distribution of Students



All grade 8-12 students (N=691)



All AP students (N=74)

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[Some Key Committee Questions]

- How can we ensure the greatest alignment among the elementary, middle, and high school curricula?
- Are the elementary, middle and high school programs appropriately rigorous?
- What structure provides the best transition from elementary to middle school to high school?
- How can we ensure students understand the relationship between language and culture?
- Should an additional language be offered? Chinese?

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