



# SAN JOAQUIN

— 7-12 BLENDED LEARNING —

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## World Language - Options for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

San Joaquin High School offers world language options for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on a limited basis through the blended learning high school program. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to be introduced to a world language at the high school level, as well as to experience a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment through blended learning.

Current language offerings are: **French 1, Latin 1, Spanish 1, Korean 1, and Chinese 1.**

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is blended learning?**

Blended learning is a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning model that combines online course work with in-person activities. Students complete activities using digital tools, videos, audio features, and online assessments in a password-protected learning management systems. Students in blended world language courses use digital tools to complete speaking, listening, reading, and writing activities.

### **Are the courses the same quality and rigor as the in-person equivalent?**

Courses are certified annually to be of the same quality and rigor as the in-person counterpart. The world language courses are equivalent in hours and rigor to a level 1 high school course. Courses are aligned to all relevant high school standards and are approved through the University of California and through NCAA.

### **About how much time does a blended learning course take per week?**

Students can expect to spend about 4 hours per week with online coursework and one hour per week at an in-person meeting. In addition, teachers offer an optional web conference one hour per week for content support and speaking requirements. Students are expected to manage their time accordingly in order to learn at an appropriate pace each week.

### **What are the course requirements?**

Students must complete all portions of the course, which include teacher-created online videos, assignments, and quizzes, speaking and listening activities and in-person meeting requirements. Students will be expected to follow the traditional high school semester calendar and work according to teacher's calendars. Students enrolled in year-round middle schools will need to consider this requirement before obtaining a referral as assignment due dates and in-person meetings may overlap with scheduled recesses.

In general, successful students in blended learning have excellent time management skills, are self-motivated, and communicate regularly with their instructors.

### **Are the courses open to students in grade 7?**

No, the world language course options are open to students in grades 8-12. High school students receive priority for enrollment. Openings for 8<sup>th</sup> graders are limited to available spaces only, after high school enrollment.

### **Are the in-person meetings required?**

Yes, the in-person meetings are mandatory. Please make sure your child can attend all in-person meetings throughout the school year before obtaining a referral.

### **Will my 8<sup>th</sup> grader receive high school credit for the course?**

No, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will not receive high school credit. The course, however, will appear on the middle school grade report as a regular academic course. Although 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will not receive high school credit, students could potentially take a level 2 language as a freshman at their comprehensive high school, upon successful completion. Although there are plans to offer the level 2 of each language as a blended learning course, this cannot be guaranteed. This is a consideration since not all languages are offered at all high schools, and each high school has specific prerequisites. Please check with the high school your child is planning on attending if unsure about language offerings or requirements.

### **Can my child receive UC validation for this course?**

Students who successfully complete level 2 of the same world language may obtain UC validation for level 1. For specific college admission and UC requirements, please refer to the UCOP website for information on world language courses taken in middle school: <http://www.ucop.edu/agguide/a-g-requirements/e-language/faq/index.html>.

### **How to I enroll in a world language blended learning course?**

To enroll in world language course, you will need a referral from your child's middle school academic counselor. If you are not certain who that is, please contact your child's school of record.

### **What are the prerequisite technology skills for the course?**

Prerequisite technology skills include:

- Basic computer terminology, the use of the keyboard and mouse
- Basic web skills, including the use of navigation and search tools
- The use of word processing documents, the ability to open, modify, save, scan, and upload documents in different formats
- Composing, receiving, and replying to electronic messages
- The ability to upload and download audio and video recordings

### **Whom can I contact for additional information?**

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