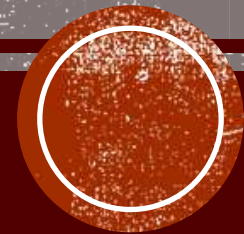


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DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT



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COURSE OFFERINGS

The World Language Department offers four language programs:

- Chinese - *中文*  Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 Honors, AP, Perspectives
- French - *Français*  Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 Honors, AP, Perspectives
- Spanish - *Español*  Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 4 Honors, AP, Perspectives
- American Sign Language  Levels 1, 2



PROGRAM LEVELS

The World Language Department offers four program levels:

- Graduation Requirement Levels 1 & 2
*Fulfills graduation requirement**
- Honors Levels 3 & 4
Expected by selective universities
- Advanced Placement AP Course
Possible college credit
- Perspectives Perspectives Course
Immersion-type experience

** Depends on point of entry into the language program*



PROGRAM START

- Students may enter high school in levels 1, 2 or 3 of a language, depending on the particular language, prior experience and current proficiency
- Incoming students' placement should follow the middle-school teacher's recommendation
- There are no placement exams for incoming students
- Students who have no experience in a language sign up for level 1 of that language
- Students who have at least one year in a language may place in level 2 or higher in high school
- Questions? Contact Department Head – Carlos Torres
 - ctorres@birmingham.k12.mi.us



LANGUAGE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

- The graduation requirement for languages in Birmingham Public Schools is two credits of the same language, with the last credit taken in grades 9-12 and being higher than the last successful middle-school experience
- Examples:
 - Level 1 in middle school, Level 2 in high school = **graduation requirement met**
 - Levels 1 and 2 in middle school, Level 3 in high school = **graduation requirement met**
 - Levels 1 and 2 in middle school, Level 2 in high school = **graduation requirement not met**
 - *Student needs to successfully complete level 3 or higher*
 - Level 1 of French and Level 1 of ASL = **graduation requirement not met**
 - *Student needs to successfully complete level 2 or higher of either, French or ASL*
 - Other situations? Please contact the department head or the counseling department



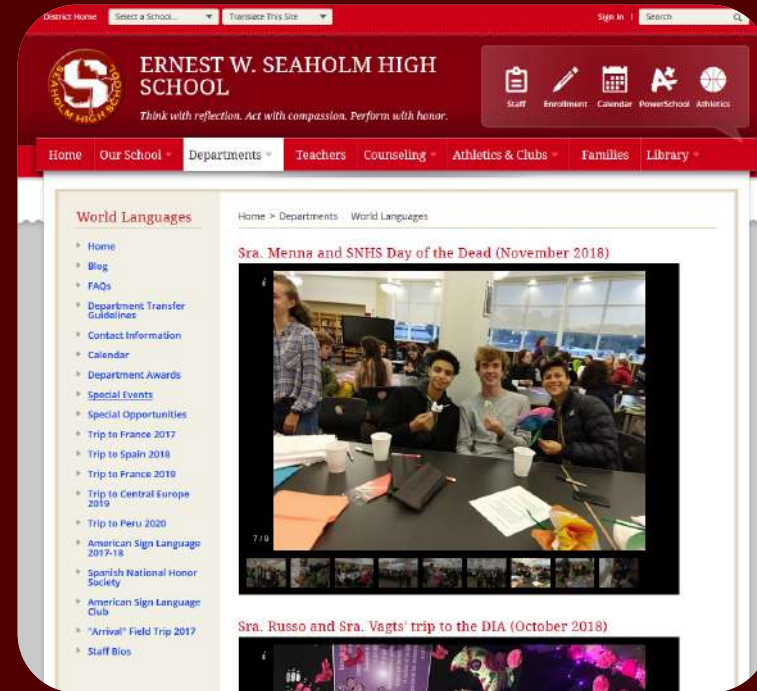
COURSE SEQUENCING

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4 Honors	Advanced Placement	Honors Perspectives
Chinese French Spanish ASL	Chinese French Spanish ASL	Chinese French Spanish	Chinese French Spanish	Chinese French Spanish	Chinese French Spanish
			Level 4		
			Spanish only		

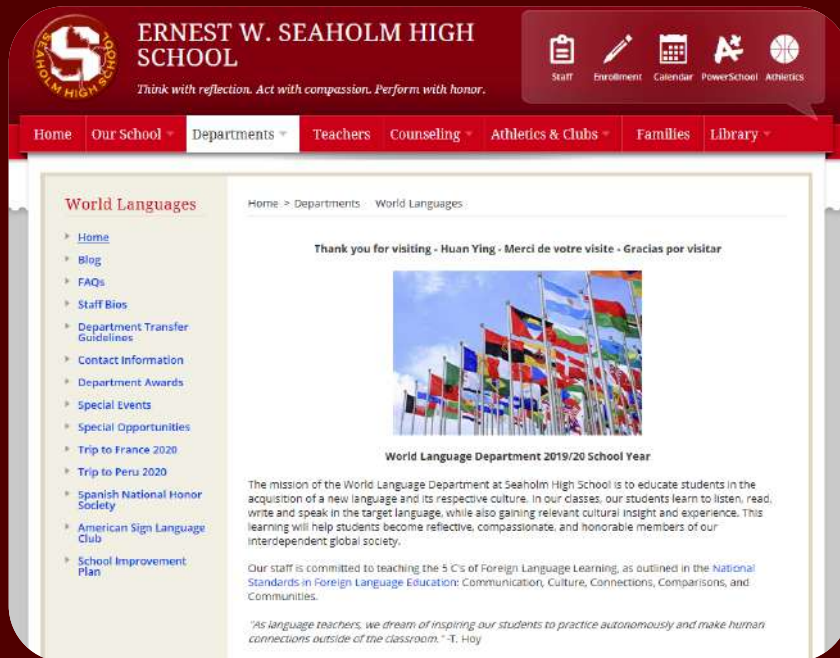


INSPIRATION SPOTLIGHT!

- International Club
- Spanish National Honor Society
- Recent and Upcoming Trips
 - Detroit
 - France
 - Perú
 - Spain
 - Italy
 - Central Europe
- Deaf & Blind Week



VISIT & CONTACT



The screenshot shows the website for the World Languages department at Ernest W. Seaholm High School. The header includes the school's name and logo, along with navigation icons for Staff, Enrollment, Calendar, PowerSchool, and Athletics. A red navigation bar contains links for Home, Our School, Departments, Teachers, Counseling, Athletics & Clubs, Families, and Library. The main content area features a sidebar with a list of links such as Home, Blog, FAQs, Staff Bios, Department Transfer Guidelines, Contact Information, Department Awards, Special Events, Special Opportunities, Trip to France 2020, Trip to Peru 2020, Spanish National Honor Society, American Sign Language Club, and School Improvement Plan. The main text area includes a welcome message in multiple languages, a photo of various national flags, and a mission statement for the department.

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World Language Department 2019/20 School Year

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Department Web Site

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