

Survey Results Survey #3: Students in Grade 6-11 October 16-23, 2015

Survey purpose: To poll students as to their interest in adding an additional world language program

Current 6 -11 enrollment: 2315

Response Rate: 219 (9%)

Summary of responses:

Q. 1 How important is it for Scarsdale High School to expand the World Language offerings beyond Spanish, French, Latin and Mandarin?

Somewhat Important	50%	107 students
Very Important	31.8%	68 students
Not Important	11.2%	24 students
No Opinion	9.8%	21 students

Q. 2 If the High School's World Language offerings were expanded, which language would you like to see offered as your first choice?

Italian:	63 students	(28.8%)
Other:	37 students	(16.9%)
Hebrew:	33 students	(15.1%)
Japanese:	31 students	(14.2%)
None of these:	28 students	(12.8%)
Arabic:	18 students	(8.2%)
Korean:	10 students	(4.6%)
Urdu:	5 students	(2.3%)
Cantonese:	4 students	(1.8%)

Q. 3 It is possible to study more than one World Language at Scarsdale High School. Do you plan to study more than one World Language at SHS?

No: 132 students (61%)

Yes: 83 students (39%)

Q. 4 If the World Language offerings were expanded, how many years of study would you complete in the newly offered language?

Does not apply*	62 students	(29%)
Four or more years:	50 students	(23.8%)
Two years:	45 students	(21.4%)
Three years:	31 students	(14.8%)
One year:	27 students	(12.9%)

*Only plan to study Spanish, French, Latin, or Mandarin

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Comments

Is there anything else you would like to tell us regarding the world language offerings in the Scarsdale Schools?
No
School is hard enough already
nah
We should expand the Mandarin program down into the middle school- not starting until high school discourages a lot of students from taking it, because they have been taking Spanish or French for 3-4 years already.
I really don't think Cantonese should even be counted as a language - It's a dialect, like tens of other dialects of Chinese, and was much more oral than written. Anyway, that's just an opinion. Thanks for the survey! About me not taking another language - I'm just starting Spanish this year, and my schedule will be too busy for the other languages.
I think that it would be great to have more languages- I had actually already wished for a Japanese class. It would be interesting to me to see how it would be taught. Who knows, I might even help out when I'm older!
Urdu deserves respect because my dermatologist speaks it.
Since the start of my Freshman Year, I wish SHS had ASL. I think it is really important and it is more of an alternative than regular language.
More languages should be offered in shs. This would have a more diverse choice of picking a language. My friends from the other schools nearby say that their schools offer what we have plus Italian and other languages too.
I would like to learn many languages, however I don't know how learning a lot at once will affect my learning overall.
I'd love to take another language, but I don't have enough time in my schedule.
Urdu will expand my horizons as a critical and creative learner. With mostly Ukrainian spoken at home and English at school I really need that third language. Urdu is something that has always interested me in many ways. This is because India is a growing country and Urdu is mostly spoken in India and Pakistan. With Urdu not offered at most high schools I really would love to have the once in a life time opportunity to learn how to speak it. I can use this language in the future and I think it will really help me in the long run as a student and as a citizen in the U.S.
no
Are you actually going to install more World Language classes? If so, is it going to be there by 2017?
More people would choose those new languages if they could start them in Middle School! Also German could be a good option.
Spanish or world language more often so than we can grow and get more advanced at the language that we are learning
Children and students should be able to have a large range of languages to pick from to continue their future with.

It would be hard for many people to take multiple languages, since we already have electives, so just one more language would be great.
The languages at SHS are limited: do a survey like this and then actually introduce a new WH program-- German/Finnish/Serbian/Russian-- other great languages! Let students choose and then just guide them!!
Mandarin should be offered in the Middle School. 9th Grade is so late to learn.
No
no
nothing
No
No
No
No
No
No.
Nothing else
Nothing else
I have done french for 3 years before middle school
Mandarin
The world language offerings are fine. Adding new offerings would be a luxury, but not a necessity. Personally, I'd focus on expanding in the STEM fields. However, I love the world language I am taking right now(Spanish), and I think it is important to maintain a good quality standard.
No
No. Not Really.
No
No
No.
No thank you.
No
No
Nope
You should add German to the list of languages
I think that people on reg/adv/honors tracts should stay on that track unless failing. The drop off from advanced to regular is much too large.
I think that learning new languages is very important, especially for when we grow up. We may be traveling, and it would be extremely helpful if we knew how to speak the native language. Also, studies have shown that bilingual students learn faster than students who only know one language. In my opinion, having the ability to speak in more than one language is pretty cool. When I start high school, I will most definitely study more than one language. I am learning so much in Spanish this year, and I hope I can feel this enthusiastic about learning so much when I am in high school as well.
No
Nope

no
Nothing
I think it is good that Scarsdale Schools are trying to add more and different languages. Some say that speaking more than one language will be EXTREMELY useful to my generation. So to those that are running this program, thank you!
I also think Portuguese would be a nice option. It would be my second choice after Italian.
I really like the different levels of each language. I am in Spanish and love it so much and I am so happy that there are different levels because it allows me to learn difficult and very interesting things
There could also be a one semester course for this language so that it fits easily in the schedule
no
I really want ASL and think it is extremely important to know
None
No
There should be more diversity in the languages taught in Scarsdale Schools. Also, there should be more than 2 options of language in the middle school so students are able to learn that language from the middle school and have more advanced classes at the high school. We should be more open to other languages and cultures instead of just teaching very basic and common languages.
No.
The curriculum should be more clear.
Nope
I would add Mandarin to the Scarsdale Middle School
I know that many people talk about how they wish we had an Italian class at Scarsdale High School.
no
Since I will only be attending one year, I have checked off the 11th and 10th options. But, if I had a choice, language would be necessary, and these options would be available.
Scarsdale Schools should definitely expand their world language options to more eastern languages such as Hindi (or Urdu), Korean, and Japanese, because a significant number of people from these countries live in the United States.
Extra help should be offered everyday after school by every teacher
No
No.
Yes. Last time I said something about Cantonese that is not correct - unlike many other dialects, it has a written form. Sorry for being not knowledgeable and jumping to conclusion.
No
The choices in the middle school are too limited because there are only French and Spanish and I am half Peruvian and half French so I speak both of these languages fluently at home.
I think that the teachers need to have a more authentic accent to help the students understand the language in greater detail.
I think, for me, it would be important sign language be offered.