

A Plan for Expanding World Languages in Albemarle County



**Albemarle
County
Public Schools
Department of
Instruction**

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Purpose

- To share and receive **feedback** on a plan for expanding world languages in elementary and middle schools.

Agenda

Item	Time
Review of Plan to Expand World Languages	6:50-7:05
Clarifying questions and feedback from the board	7:05-7:25



Current State: Elementary Schools

- Cale offers both immersion and pull-out classes in Spanish for all students K-2.
- Agnor-Hurt and Stony Point are piloting the use of existing staff to teach Spanish in kindergarten.
- Meriwether Lewis has offered after-school programs in Chinese, French, and Spanish.
- Baker-Butler, Murray and Brownsville have offered language courses during and after school with volunteers or Rosetta Stone.



Sequential Expansion in Elementary Schools

- 2-3 Elementary Schools each year will begin world languages programs.
- These schools will be selected based on a readiness assessment presented to the Department of Instruction.
- A budget initiative for schools that meet these requirements will be submitted to the board.



The Readiness Assessment

This readiness assessment will include the following:

- Selection of a language based on languages of staff and students, input from parents, other languages offered in the feeder pattern, and input from the business community.
- Selection of program model (immersion vs. pull-out) based on school size, mobility, and natural turnover in teachers.
- Plan for professional development and resource support for staff.

Middle School Planning

- Middle Schools will add a 6th grade conversation course in world languages.
- 7th grade will begin to offer Level I of world languages.
- 8th grade will offer Level II of world languages.
- The above would require discontinuing the regular practice of double blocking students in language arts and/or math.
- The board should consider whether world languages instruction in middle school be opt-in, opt-out, or required.

Middle School Planning

New Course	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
6th grade semester Conversational Course	Begin plan to redesign middle school schedules.	Finalize plan to redesign middle school schedules. Include budget initiative for middle school staffing. Create a 6 th grade course curriculum.	All Middle Schools Implement		
7th Grade Level I				All Middle Schools Implement	
8th Grade Level II					All Middle Schools Implement

Clarifying Questions?

Expanding Opportunities: Defining a Robust World Languages Program



Expanding Opportunities for Our Community's Children

Multilingualism



Creativity

Communication

Critical Thinking

Collaboration