

Survey Results Survey #4: Parents of Grade 5 Students October 26-28, 2015

Purpose: To get a more accurate count of probable 6th grade world language choices from parents of current 5th grade students

Current 5th grade enrollment: 372
 Response rate: 202 out of 372 students' parents responded (54%)

Survey prompt:

Q. 1 Please indicate your child's first choice of world language to study in 6th grade:

Spanish	131	64.9%
Mandarin	36	17.8%
French	32	15.8%
No Language (LRC/ENL)	3	1.5%
Total	202	

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Additional Comments
Will not change language for liam or patrick. If we change in 6, why have languages in 2 -5?
Not certain mandarin is needed in middle school
Our son has been learning Spanish since K and will hopefully be bi-lingual when he graduates. Not to mention he attends Religious School and is learning a 3rd language. I don't want him learning Mandarin at this time.
I am not sure if my daughter will participate in a Spanish language class or she will be part of the LRC program.
Matthew has completed multiple years of basic Spanish education while attending QR and we have a strong preference he continues this in Middle School.
The survey is not designed well. You force someone to choose a language when, in fact, they might never choose it which is going to warp the results. For example, I would never sign my child up for Mandarin.
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I would never choose mandarin beginning in 6th grade. It should start earlier due to level of difficulty. I would choose Latin as a third choice if offered as it is the root of all languages.
We only have an interest in her taking Spanish next year.
Please do not be pressured into offering mandarin at SMS! My kids pursue many interests outside of school, academic and otherwise, that are not offered in our schools. For those who want their children to study mandarin, they can do the same. Any available resources should be invested in technology, not into expanding the middle school language dept.
Henry will continue with Spanish
We are NOT interested in learning French.

How about Portuguese ?
Mandarin class offered at middle school is very important for my children since they will take Mandarin at high school. It lays out the foundation at middle school so that it is easier for them to pick up the language at high school.
Thank you for considering Mandarin as a language choice! Would there be different levels of offerings (beginner, intermediate etc)? We would take it if intermediate level is offered. Thank you
She has elementary Chinese knowledge but not a native speaker. She said that she would continue with Spanish in Middle School. Parents would like her to switch to Chinese.
Not interested in Mandarin
I am not sure what Nathaniel's academic program will be like. I hope that he will be able to take a World Language.
He's interested in Mandarin now but is likely to change his mind
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Carson enjoys Spanish and would like to continue learning it in 6th grade.
Please note that Spanish is really the only language I would want her to study. Thank you.
Sorry if I've completed the survey more than once. Also, if I inadvertently completed one for my older son, Lukas, who is currently in 7th grade.
Would love to see Latin as a language choice
Not sure yet.
Given the degree of difficulty of Mandarin, I'd deter my kids and others not to participate in such a class straight out of elementary school.
Won't be certain until we have to sign on the dotted line, but these are the priorities...
Would very much prefer Spanish, thank you.
Teacher excellence should be paramount; it is far more important than the choice of languages. Relatedly, please note that neither "licensed" nor "competent" are synonymous with "excellent."