

WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Brighton High School offers a choice of French, German, or Spanish for students who have completed grades 6, 7, and 8 in the middle school and successfully passed the assessment given at the end of 8th grade. These students are then enrolled in levels 2 or 2 Honor French, German or Spanish. Students usually continue into levels 3, 3 Honor, 4, 4 Honor and Advanced Placement courses as they progress through high school and advance their abilities in all four components of language learning: speaking, listening, reading and writing. Advanced Placement courses are college courses taught to high school students who may gain either college credit or advanced college standing, or both, while enrolled in high school. Advanced Placement language courses are designed for students who enjoy language learning and who are eager to apply their knowledge to today's global challenges.

The French, German, and Spanish courses are excellent preparation for students who are preparing themselves for careers in mathematics, music, science, business, travel, teaching, international law, interpreting, and almost any other career.

Brighton is proud to be the only district in Monroe County that offers the unique opportunity where students may enhance comprehension and interest, practice speaking, and learn cultural knowledge first hand from native speaking foreign language teaching interns. The world language interns become an integral part of the Brighton community and are housed by families within the Brighton Central School District. It is an enriching experience for the host family as well as the community at large. Families who are interested in hosting these wonderful individuals may contact the coordinator of the World Language Department.

Students are encouraged to study more than one world language at the high school level to broaden their abilities in communication and understanding of foreign cultures. All students continuing to study a language require a recommendation from the teacher of the previous year's course.

Videos, songs, foreign films, foreign magazines and newspapers, and supplementary readers at all levels introduce the students to other cultures. Technology is an important aspect of the programs and students will be encouraged to use laptops in class for various assignments. Foreign exchange trips and active language clubs reinforce and extend the cultural aspects of language study. Teachers and native language teacher interns help students of French, German, and Spanish with reading, writing skills, oral reports, dramatic presentations, and culture projects.

Students are prepared for College Entrance Board Achievement and Proficiency Tests, Advanced Placement Examinations, national foreign language contests, and for general success in using language skills in the world of work and travel. Student Exchange Programs are available in Spanish, French and German. Students of these languages can participate in school-to-school programs by hosting a foreign student or visiting the partner school.

FRENCH 1**20000****Level 2-3**

Learn to understand, speak, read and write French using situations of normal student activities. Find yourself in a French restaurant, in a school, on a trip, and with a family. Communication in both spoken and written forms provide a solid basis for the beginning level student. Learn about France and the French-speaking world. Students will benefit from interacting in the language with each other and the French Language Teaching Intern.

Grade: 9-12

Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: None

FRENCH 2**20400****Level 2-3**

Enhance the skills begun in level one with similar communicative activities. Study French culture and learn about French-speaking countries around the world through cultural readings, realia, and video and audio recordings. Enhance your reading, writing, and listening skills in French. Practice your French through the use of songs and projects that we do. Students will benefit from interacting in the language with each other and the French Language Teaching Intern.

Grade: 9-12

Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: French 1

FRENCH 2 Honors**20600****Level 3-4**

Develop speaking and writing skills to a higher degree, as a highly motivated student. You will participate actively in oral dialogues and in a variety of writing assignments. Use technology as you prepare in-class projects. Study French culture and learn about French speaking countries around the world through cultural readings, realia, and video and audio recordings. Students will benefit from interacting in the language with each other and the French Language Teaching Intern.

Grade: 9-12

Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: French 1, teacher recommendation

FRENCH 3**20800****Level 2-3**

Expand and reinforce your language development and cultural awareness through communicative activities, videos, audio recordings and authentic materials. Students gain confidence and competence by actively using French in everyday situations, in dialogue writing, and small conversation groups. You will enrich your reading and composition skills. Students will benefit from interacting in the language with each other and the French Language Teaching Intern.

Grade: 10-12

Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: French 2 or French 2 Honors

FRENCH 3 Honors**21000****Level 3-4**

French 3 Honors continues to develop skills in the use of spoken, everyday vocabulary while offering greater enrichment of materials and moving at a faster pace than Level 3. Expand and reinforce your language development and cultural awareness through communicative activities, videos, audio recordings and authentic materials. Students will benefit from interacting in the language with each other and the French Language Teaching Intern.

Grade: 10-12

Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: French 2 Honors

FRENCH 4**21200****Level 2-3**

In this course, students read, discuss and write about a wide variety of topics from magazines, textbooks, literary selections, advertisements, films, etc. Students study social and popular culture such as music, media, sports, and politics. This course is an excellent preparation for college proficiency tests and entrance to the world of work and travel. Students will benefit from interacting in the language with each other and the French Language Teaching Intern.

***This course is offered for 3 college credits as part of our MCC Dual Credit Program.**

Three MCC credits may be earned through a dual credit program. There is a tuition cost and required assessments associated with MCC credit. The MCC curriculum is incorporated throughout the year. Successful completion of the course and MCC exam will result in 3 MCC college credits.

Grade: 11-12 Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days

Credit: 1 (BHS), 3 (MCC)

Prerequisite: French 3

FRENCH 4 Honors**21300****Level 3-4**

This course continues speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills through cultural presentations, podcasts, film, and readings of French literature, with emphasis on vocabulary building and grammar development. Students are prepared for Advanced Placement French after taking this course. Students will benefit from interacting in the language with each other and the French Language Teaching Intern. ***This course is offered for 3 college credits as part of our MCC Dual Credit Program.** Three MCC credits may be earned through a dual credit program. There is a tuition cost and required assessments associated with MCC credit. The MCC curriculum is incorporated throughout the year. Successful completion of the course and MCC exam will result in 3 MCC college credits.

Grade: 11-12

Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days

Credit: 1 (BHS), 3 (MCC)

Prerequisite: French 3 Honors

SENIOR FRENCH**21500****Level 3**

This course is recommended for students who want to preserve and improve their skills in French in a non-AP setting. Activities may include small group conversations and interviews with the French language intern, movies, film shorts, power point presentations, authentic readings, and writing assignments. Students will benefit from interacting in the language with each other and the French Language Teaching Intern. ***This course is offered for 3 college credits as part of our MCC Dual Credit Program.** Three MCC credits may be earned through a dual credit program. There is a tuition cost and required assessments associated with MCC credit. The MCC curriculum is incorporated throughout the year. Successful completion of the course and MCC exam will result in 3 MCC college credits.

Grade: 12 Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days Credit: 1 (BHS), 3 (MCC)
Prerequisite: French 4 or 4 Honors

ADVANCED PLACEMENT**FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE****21600****Level 4**

This is a college level course for students who want the challenge of work at an advanced level. In preparation for the Advanced Placement examination in French Language, the course will concentrate on developing proficiency in all areas of language use: grammar, vocabulary, reading and writing, listening and speaking. Works of French literature, movies, and podcasts will be included for proficiency development. Students will benefit from interacting in the language with each other and the French Language Teaching Intern. ***This course is offered for 3 college credits as part of our MCC Dual Credit Program.** Three MCC credits may be earned through a dual credit program. There is a tuition cost and required assessments associated with MCC credit. The MCC curriculum is incorporated throughout the year. Successful completion of the course and MCC exam will result in 3 MCC college credits.

Grade: 12 Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days Credit: 1 (BHS), 3 (MCC)
Prerequisite: French 4 Honors or teacher permission

GERMAN 1**22000****Level 2-3**

Travel through Germany and find yourself in a train station, at a university, meeting German teenagers, and living with a German family. You'll learn oral and written communication skills needed to get along in these everyday life situations. This course also introduces students to the geography, culture and recent history of the four main German-speaking countries. Learn why English and German are so similar.

Grade: 9-12 Meeting Pattern: full year Credit: 1
Prerequisite: None

GERMAN 2/2 Honors**22400****Level 2-4**

Continue to grow in your language skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing through videos, podcasts and materials from Germany on recent sports, social, economic and political events. Emphasis is placed on active participation in communicative activities such as dialogue writing, directed conversations, and role playing. Learn more about the cultures of the German speaking countries and compare them to American culture. Experience Germany from its castles and skiing regions in the south to the quaint medieval trading cities in the north. Students will benefit from interacting in the language with each other and the German Language Teaching Intern.

Grade: 9-12 Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: German 1

GERMAN 3/3 Honors**22800****Level 2-4**

Expand and reinforce your language development and cultural awareness through communicative activities, videos, and authentic materials. Students gain confidence and competence by actively using German in everyday situations, in dialogue writing, and small conversation groups. You will enrich your reading and composition skills. Cultural materials are used to introduce students to various customs and events such as Fasching, Oktoberfest and current events. A video project introduces the history of the Berlin Wall and recent historical events in Germany. At the end of this course, students may participate in our exchange program with Bremen, Germany. Students will benefit from interacting in the language with each other and the German Language Teaching Intern.

Grade: 10-12 Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: German 2

GERMAN 4/4 Honors**23400****Level 3-4**

This course is for students who wish to enrich and expand their conversational, reading, and writing skills. Students are introduced to a variety of topics including communication, slang, idioms, the senses, music, sports, generation gap, youth, humor, education, and cartoons. Students will read short stories, magazine articles, cartoons, and see German TV commercials, video clips and films. Active student participation, group discussions, and directed compositions afford students the opportunity to express themselves freely in spoken and written German. Learn to think and express your ideas in German. At the end of this course, students may participate in our exchange program with Bremen, Germany. Students will benefit from interacting in the language with each other and the German Language Teaching Intern. ***This course is offered for 3 college credits as part of our MCC Dual Credit Program.** Three MCC credits may be earned through a dual credit program. There is a tuition cost and required assessments associated with MCC credit. The MCC curriculum is incorporated throughout the year. Successful completion of the course and MCC exam will result in 3 MCC college credits.

Grade: 11-12 Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days Credit: 1 (BHS), 3 (MCC)
Prerequisite: German 3

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

GERMAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE 23600 Level 4

This is a college-level course for students who wish to further develop their vocabulary, the expression of their ideas via group discussions and compositions, understanding and appreciation of German culture and prepare for the Advanced Placement Examination in German. Students are introduced to a wide variety of themes connected to the AP German language and Culture. You will enjoy music, podcasts, news articles, short stories, and see German films and videos to help promote more fluent language acquisition. Oral presentations, dialogues, compositions, and group discussions play a major role. Understanding and appreciation of the German culture, sports, music and people are emphasized. Students will benefit from interacting in the language with each other and the German Language Teaching Intern. ***This course is offered for 3 college credits as part of our MCC Dual Credit Program.** Three MCC credits may be earned through a dual credit program. There is a tuition cost and required assessments associated with MCC credit. The MCC curriculum is incorporated throughout the year. Successful completion of the course and MCC exam will result in 3 MCC college credits.

Grade: 12 Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days Credit: 1 (BHS), 3 (MCC)
Prerequisite: German 4

SPANISH 1 27000 Level 2-3

This course is designed for students who have never taken Spanish, want to take a second foreign language at BHS, or did not complete the requirements at the middle school level. Emphasis is placed on learning the fundamental skills of listening comprehension, speaking, reading and writing with regular reinforcement of vocabulary, structure, phonetics, and oral proficiency practice. Students learn basic functional communication in Spanish as well as an introduction to the geography and culture of Spanish-speaking countries. A variety of resources and activities comprise a well-articulated curriculum. Students will benefit from interacting in the language with each other and the Spanish Language Teaching Intern.

Grade: 9-12 Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days Credit: 1
Prerequisite: None

SPANISH 1B 27150 Level 1-4

Students continue developing skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking Spanish in this class, which is the continuation of Spanish 1A at TCMS. Enhance oral and written communication skills needed to get along in everyday life situations while learning more about the geography and culture of Spanish-speaking countries. Students will benefit from interacting in the language with each other and the Spanish Language Teaching Intern.

Grade: 9-12 Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days Credit: 1
Prerequisite: Spanish 1A

SPANISH 2 **27400** **Level 2-3**

This course provides study of listening, speaking, reading and writing with special attention to vocabulary acquisition and grammar. Readings, videos, and audios are included to provide exposure to authentic language. Students also study the culture of Spanish-speaking countries. Students will benefit from interacting in the language with each other and the Spanish Language Teaching Intern.

Grade: 9-12 Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days Credit: 1
Prerequisite: Spanish 1 or Spanish 1A and 1B

SPANISH 3 **27800** **Level 2-3**

Students continue to develop aural-oral skills together with a transition to more difficult readings and directed compositions. It increases the appreciation of Hispanic culture and knowledge of the language through readings, videos, and internet activities. Students will benefit from interacting in the language with each other and the Spanish Language Teaching Intern.

Grade: 10-12 Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days Credit: 1
Prerequisite: Spanish 2, Spanish 2 Honors

SPANISH 3 Honors **28000** **Level 3-4**

This course offers more enrichment of materials and moves at a faster pace than Level 3; encourages independent projects based on culture; studies selections from Spanish prose and poetry; develops skill in use of spoken everyday vocabulary. Students will benefit from interacting in the language with each other and the Spanish Language Teaching Intern.

Grade: 10-12 Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days Credit: 1
Prerequisite: Spanish 2, teacher recommendation

SPANISH 4 **28200** **Level 2-3**

This course is designed for students who have successfully completed level 3 Spanish and who are interested in preserving and improving their skills. Students will gain exposure to vocabulary used in the fields of medicine and business, as well as other practical areas. Students' primary goal in this course is to speak and understand the language through a variety of skill-based activities, listening, exercises, cultural units, and writing. Please note that the student wishing to take AP Spanish Language and Culture are encouraged to enroll in Spanish 4 Honors as a prerequisite. ***This course is offered for 3 college credits as part of our MCC Dual Credit Program.** Three MCC credits may be earned through a dual credit program. There is a tuition cost and required assessments associated with MCC credit. The MCC curriculum is incorporated

throughout the year. Successful completion of the course and MCC exam will result in 3 MCC college credits.

Grade: 11-12 Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days Credit: 1 (BHS), 3 (MCC)
Prerequisite: Spanish 3, Spanish 3 Honors

SPANISH 4 Honors **28400** **Level 3-4**

This course prepares students for Advanced Placement Spanish. Emphasis is given to higher level grammar, correct oral and written expression, and correct pronunciation. Contemporary issues in Spanish speaking countries are explored through the following: History of Spain, History of Latin America, Religion in the Hispanic World, Contemporary Hispanic Families, Roles of Men and Women in Hispanic Culture, and Hispanic Customs and Beliefs. These may include the workplace, sports, travel, music, poetry and art. Readings may include works (whole or in part) of famous Spanish and Latin American authors. Students will benefit from interacting in the language with each other and the Spanish Language Teaching Intern. ***This course is offered for 3 college credits as part of our MCC Dual Credit Program.** Three MCC credits may be earned through a dual credit program. There is a tuition cost and required assessments associated with MCC credit. The MCC curriculum is incorporated throughout the year. Successful completion of the course and MCC exam will result in 3 MCC college credits.

Grade: 11-12 Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days Credit: 1 (BHS), 3 (MCC)
Prerequisite: Spanish 3 Honors

SENIOR SPANISH **28500** **Level 3-4**

This is a full year course for students who wish to continue Spanish at the Senior level without taking the Advanced Placement Program. There will be units of study which will include reading, writing and discussion on a wide range of topics. This course will allow the students to improve their abilities in Spanish and bridge the year to college study. ***This course is offered for 3 college credits as part of our MCC Dual Credit Program.** Three MCC credits may be earned through a dual credit program. There is a tuition cost and required assessments associated with MCC credit. The MCC curriculum is incorporated throughout the year. Successful completion of the course and MCC exam will result in 3 MCC college credits.

Grade: 12 Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days Credit: 1 (BHS), 3 (MCC)
Prerequisite: Spanish 4, Spanish 4 Honors

ADVANCED PLACEMENT
SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE **28600** **Level 4**

A special advanced course for students who are especially strong in all four language skills. A variety of materials on cultural topics are used to encourage and improve speaking and writing skills. Most readings are taken from contemporary authors. Students are introduced to a wide

variety of themes connected to the AP Spanish Language and Cultural examination. Oral presentations, dialogues, compositions, and group discussions play a major role in promoting high proficiency in Spanish. ***This course is offered for 3 college credits as part of our MCC Dual Credit Program.** Three MCC credits may be earned through a dual credit program. There is a tuition cost and required assessments associated with MCC credit. The MCC curriculum is incorporated throughout the year. Successful completion of the course and MCC exam will result in 3 MCC college credits.

Grade: 12 Meeting Pattern: full year, 5 out of 6 days Credit: 1 (BHS), 3 (MCC)
Prerequisite: Spanish 4 Honors