

**Chelmsford Public Schools World Language Department**  
**Course Placement Guide**  
**2025-2026**

**Going Into 7th Grade:**

In the spring of your 6th grade year, your principal will send out a Google Form where you select either French or Spanish class for 7th grade. World Language classes meet once a day, Monday-Friday.

**Going into 8th Grade:**

You stay in either French or Spanish- whatever you studied your 7th grade year. This class meets once a day, Monday-Friday.

**Going Into 9th Grade:**

In January, your teacher will send you a Google Form where you decide if you want to study French, Spanish, or American Sign Language when you get to high school. You need two years of the same World Language in high school in order to meet the graduation requirements. Most 9th graders select French 2, Spanish 2, or ASL 1. You can decide to switch languages and start at a Level 1.

**Going into 10th grade:**

You can choose French, Spanish, or ASL. If you took a World Language in 9th grade, you should select the next level for 10th grade to meet the graduation requirement. Your teacher will send you a Google Form to fill out where you indicate what you want to study in January.

**Going into 11th grade:**

If you have taken two years of the same World Language, then you have met your graduation requirement! However, many colleges and universities encourage students to take at least 3 years of a World Language. Many students at CHS choose to take a third year of French, Spanish, or ASL. Your teacher will send you a Google Form to fill out in January to explain your course options. If you want to be a part of the French or Spanish National Honor Societies, you need to take 3 years of a World Language. If you want to take AP French or Spanish, you will receive summer work in June of your junior year.

**Going into 12th grade:**

Most seniors in a World Language class are in Level 3, 4, or AP French or Spanish. When you are a senior, you will have the opportunity to qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy- an award given to students who are proficient in English and a World Language.

**Seal of Biliteracy**

This is an award given to seniors who demonstrate that they are proficient in English and a World Language. In order to earn this award, you must have earned a Proficient or Advanced on ELA MCAS and take a test in the World Language you are proficient in. This can be a language you have studied in school or a home language. Students who earn the Seal of Biliteracy or Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction are recognized at graduation and earn a special seal on their high school diploma.