

Did you know?

1. Learning another language at an early age helps develop grey matter.
2. Bilingualism encourages people to think globally. Speaking more than one language from an early age introduces the idea that the world is a diverse place with different languages and cultures to explore.
3. Students who take another language early in school show higher scores in their SAT'S for college.



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STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

*SHOW US YOUR **WLMs PRIDE!***

Perseverance!

Respect!

Integrity!

Dedication!

Excellence!

West Lake Middle School Mission Statement

West Lake Middle School is committed to providing a challenging academic learning and social environment for all students, focused on rigorous instruction and high student expectations.

West Lake Middle School Vision Statement

The West Lake Middle community will increase achievement by actively engaging all students in a collaborative, student-centered environment, to ensure that they become critical thinkers and life-long learners, prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

West Lake Year-Round Middle School

Spanish program

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FACTS ABOUT SPANISH AS A MODERN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

As students progress through a language program and accumulate 135 or 150 hours for each course, this instructional time adds up .

Middle school programs vary widely, from exploratory programs that do not build proficiency in communication skills to proficiency-based programs that earn students high school graduation credit . West Lake Spanish program is proficiency-based !

Students can choose to continue once they start the first section of Spanish in 6th grade or not w/o penalty.

They can choose to advance into 8th grade section to earn HS credit if they want the credit.

BEGINNING LESS THAN 1 YEAR WLMS

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Grade Level: 6th grade

Length: 1 semester = 18 weeks

Description: We begin studies of vocabulary, culture and conversation. Students will practice reading, writing, speaking, and listening in the target language through directed lessons, songs, games, and literature. Beginning Spanish provides an excellent foundation of Spanish before students begin high school courses. No previous experience necessary!

Our topics: numbers, greetings, time, alphabet, weather and seasons and countries that speak Spanish!



BEGINNING 1 YEAR WLMS

Grade Level: 7th grade

Length: 1 semester = 18 weeks

Description :

We build on what we learned on Beginning Spanish and continue practicing listening, reading, writing and speaking. We start formally grammar functions that are specific to Spanish language and seek to apply it to real life.

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

Grade Level: 8th grade

Length: 1 year = 36 weeks

Description:

Advanced Middle School Spanish is offered only to eighth graders who have completed Beginning Spanish (or the equivalent) and Intermediate. This course continues with the Spanish I Standard Course of Study. Students completing Advanced Spanish will be eligible to receive one high school second language credit and continue with **Spanish II** at the high school level.

Topics : hobbies, family and friends, food and restaurant, your classes, describing yourself and other people, healthy lifestyle and chores.

This also includes an Exit Exam at the end of the course.

