

# MAYFIELD WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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December 11, 2017

Dear Parents / Guardians of Grade 6 Students:

Current Grade 6 students have the option of taking French or Spanish in Grade 7. The World Language program is a two-year program that prepares students to take French II or Spanish II in Grade 9 and enables students to pursue World Language study through the Advanced Placement level during high school.

All students with a strong interest in learning a language will need to consider the following information:

- The World Language course is a rigorous academic subject in addition to the four required courses in English, mathematics, science, and social studies. The World Language course will involve regular homework, varied and multiple assessments, and an end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade course assessment.
- In Grades 7 & 8 World Language is offered every day for a full year, in a daily fifty-minute class period.
- Enrollment in the World Language program is a two-year commitment that prepares students for higher levels of World Language in high school. Students will receive high school credit after successfully completing the middle school course. The grade for the course will be recorded on the high school transcript.
- Providing World Language for all interested students requires staffing based on student enrollment. Funding and the availability of highly qualified teachers are also critical factors. If additional staff is not available and/or if more students express an interest in taking a World Language than space allows, students will be scheduled using a lottery process. Students submitting forms past the deadline, or those not chosen in a lottery, will be placed on a waiting list.
- Students who take a World Language may be limited in their exposure of other related arts courses. Related arts classes include: art, technology education, family and consumer science, general music, health education and physical education. All students will still be required to take PE, health and a fine arts course each year.
- Students and parents should carefully consider the additional rigor of coursework when discussing the World Language option. Students need to be highly motivated, express a strong degree of interest, and be willing to work hard. Students demonstrating academic gaps, especially in reading and mathematics, should carefully consider not taking World Language at this time. It is important to note that the high school schedule provides many options to access World Language at that level.

If you are interested in your child taking World Language in Grade 7 and 8, please complete and return the attached form by Wednesday, December 20, 2017 to your child's homeroom teacher. As a reminder, placement of all interested students into World Language is contingent upon funding, class size, and teacher recruitment. Students who turn in forms after the deadline will be placed on a waitlist. Please do not hesitate to call your child's school counselor should you need assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Shindel".

Melissa Shindel  
Principal



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**WORLD LANGUAGE SELECTIONS FOR RISING 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

*PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTIRE FORM TO YOUR STUDENT'S HOMEROOM TEACHER BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017.*

Please check **all that apply** regarding your child's choices for taking a **world language class** at Mayfield Woods Middle School.

1. I request that my student be enrolled in the following 'first choice' world language class for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade:

- French *(please also answer question 2 below)*
- Spanish *(please also answer question 2 below)*
- I DO NOT wish for my student to participate in world language at this time.

2. If my child's 'first choice' class is not available, he/she

- Will accept enrollment in a 'second choice' language
- Will not accept enrollment in a 'second choice' language

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your signature below indicates that you have read and understand the information above, in addition to the information contained in the enclosed letter about world language options.*

Parent/Guardian's Name	Parent/Guardian's Signature	Date
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**Questions / Comments:**

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**MWMS USE:**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Students in the lottery will be placed on a waitlist based on the date their form is received.*