

Mar. 11, 2011

Dear Sixth Grade Parent or Guardian:

The Middle School Foreign Language Program is a comprehensive program designed to prepare students for the study of foreign language at the high school level.

In September, incoming seventh graders will begin a two-year study of either French or Spanish. At the end of eighth grade, students take a local final exam. A passing grade in the eighth grade language class and on this examination will provide *one unit of credit in foreign language required for high school graduation*.

Please indicate your child's preference for the language – French or Spanish – s/he would like to study next year. Complete the request form printed on the back of this letter and return it to the main office. *Your requests must be returned to the main office no later than **March 31, 2011***. If this form is not received by **03/31/11**, your child will be assigned to either French or Spanish based on the number of sections of French or Spanish available. We will do our very best to accommodate your requests. Please understand, however, that due to staffing and class size constraints, we are sometimes unable to schedule students in their preferred course of study.

If you have any questions or need additional information about foreign language courses in the Middle School, please call Mrs. Cynthia Hoetzer, Instructional Teacher Leader for Foreign Language at 884-7150 ext. 2387, Laurel Logan-King, Director of Guidance at 884-7150 ext. 2330, or your child's guidance counselor. Mrs. Hoetzer or the guidance counselors will be happy to assist you in any way they can.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. It is most appreciated.



To watch a short video about the BSCSD Language Program and to learn more about the language selection process, go to: www.bscsd.org and select the middle school page: Academics, & Foreign language.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cynthia Hoetzer
Foreign Language Teacher Leader

Mrs. Laurel Logan-King
Director of Guidance

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Please return to the BSMS Main Office by March 31, 2011

(Student Name)

My child prefers to study (Circle one): French Spanish No Preference

(Parent/Legal Guardian Signature)

(Date)

*** We will make every effort to honor your preference as stated. However, please be aware that staffing and class size constraints may limit our ability to fill requests as stated.