

# Should I take Spanish or French in 7th Grade?

The comparison chart below was created by Lancaster's Middle School Spanish and French teachers to assist you in determining which language would suit you best as you enter 7th grade.

We hope this helps you in making this important decision, we can't wait to welcome you into our program!

Español	Français
<p>3 Fun Facts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The United States is the second largest Spanish speaking country.</li><li>2. About 18% of the United States is Hispanic.</li><li>3. Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world when counting native speakers.</li></ol>	<p>3 Fun Facts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. More than 300 million people speak French on 5 continents!</li><li>2. The U.S. has French speaking neighbors to the north! Québec, Canada. There are also people in Louisiana that speak French as well!</li><li>3. Many English words are borrowed from French!</li></ol>
<p>Where is Spanish spoken?</p> <p>Spanish is the official language of 21 countries including Spain, Mexico, Argentina, Costa Rica, Peru and more! Almost 20% of people in the U.S. are Spanish speaking as well.</p>	<p>Where is French spoken?</p> <p>French is the official language in 29 different countries including France, Canada, Haiti, Belgium, Switzerland, Senegal, Cameroon, Mali, Monaco, etc!</p>
<p>Why is Spanish important to learn?</p> <p>Learning another language develops critical thinking, self-confidence, interpersonal skills and prepares students for our global society. Speaking Spanish can open doors to many career opportunities and help contribute to our growing international community.</p>	<p>Why is French important to learn?</p> <p>French is spoken all over the world, including places very close to us. French is also great if you're interested in international jobs, traveling, and learning other languages as well.</p>
<p>What fun/unique things will be learned or celebrated in Spanish classes?</p> <p>We will learn about Hispanic/Spanish culture, music, holidays, food, etc. We will celebrate holidays with authentic foods.</p>	<p>What fun/unique things will be learned or celebrated in French classes?</p> <p>We will learn about the French culture, music, holidays, food, etc. We will celebrate holidays with authentic French cuisine (food).</p>