

HARPER'S CHOICE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 6 Students:

As we prepare for the 2016-2017 school year, current Grade 6 students have some important decisions to make regarding **world language** classes. This letter will help guide you and your child through the selection process for this program. After reading this letter, we encourage you and your child to discuss his/her strengths and interests to ensure a successful Grade 7 year. **Complete the form on the back and return it to your child's first period teacher by Tuesday, February 9, 2016. If forms are returned after the due date, we may not be able to accommodate your request.**

World Language: (*French, Spanish*) 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. Students who successfully complete the middle school World Language Program will receive 1 high school credit.

- World Language is an 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 8th grade course assessment.
- In Grades 7 & 8 Spanish and French is offered every day for a full year, in a daily fifty-minute class.
- Enrollment in the World Language program is a two-year commitment that prepares students for higher levels of World Language in high school.
- Students and parents should carefully consider the additional rigor of coursework when discussing World Language in Grade 7 and 8. Students need to be highly motivated, express a strong degree of interest and be willing to work hard.

Registration:

- 1) ALL PARENTS MUST COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM ON THE BACK.**
- 2) The Registration form must be returned to your child's first period teacher by Tuesday, February 9, 2016.**

Please Note - If world language and music performance are both chosen for Grade 7, students will not be able to take the full compliment of related arts classes (art, technology, general music and family and consumer science).

If you have questions about any of the courses, please do not hesitate to contact:

- Office of World Languages: 410.313.7485 / direct emails to Leslie_Grahn@hcpss.org

For questions regarding scheduling, please contact our guidance office (410-313-6931).

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Sincerely,

Adam Eldridge
Principal

Grade 7 World Language Registration Form for the 2016 – 2017 school year

Return to your child's first period teacher by Tuesday, February 9, 2016. We may not be able to accommodate any requests turned in after the due date.

Student Name: _____

First Period Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

WORLD LANGUAGE: *Students may choose to begin a world language program, which is a 2-year commitment.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | I want to take French |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I want to take Spanish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am fine taking either French or Spanish (no preference) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I do not want to take a language (opt out) |

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