

IT PAYS TO BE BILINGUAL

Bilingual workers...

- have more job opportunities
- can earn 5-20% more per hour
- possess better communication skills
- are great problem solvers

Source: ACTFL, Financial Post



WHY LEARN A LANGUAGE?

Language learning...

- leads to higher academic achievement
- benefits students' reading abilities
- results in higher SAT and ACT scores
- improves ability to hypothesize in science
- may result in better academic performance in college

Source: ACTFL



WORLD LANGUAGES AT SOUDERTON

French
Mandarin Chinese
Spanish



FRENCH

- French is the official language in 26 countries with about 300 million speakers in the world.
- Besides English, French is the only language spoken on 5 continents.
- French is the world's fifth-most widespread language in numbers of speakers.
- One-third of all English words are derived from French, so if you speak English, you already know 15,000 French words.
- There is a SAHS trip to France planned for 2026.
- At the high school, there is an active French club and an annual field trip to Philadelphia.



MANDARIN CHINESE

- Mandarin Chinese is spoken by over 1 billion people around the world, about one-fifth of the global population.
- China is one of the world's oldest and richest continuous cultures, over 5000 years old.
- China is the second largest economy in the world.
- Chinese has a relatively uncomplicated grammar with no verb conjugations.
- There is a field trip each semester at the high school.



SPANISH

- Spanish is the official language of 21 countries with about 400 million speakers worldwide.
- In the USA, there are about 42 million Spanish speakers, the second largest language group.
- Latin American countries are important US trade partners.
- Many popular songs are in Spanish.
- SAHS Spanish students traveled to Spain in 2024 and will travel to the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador in 2026.
- Spanish IV students visit an art museum in Philadelphia, and AP students visit NYC for a play in Spanish.

