



KANSAS WORLD LANGUAGES Fact Sheet 2011-2012



General Information

- Model state and national standards support studying a language continuously, K-12.
- State QPA requires offering foreign language at the secondary level. (QPA, 91-31-32, c, section 10, 7/1/2005).
- Kansas Board of Regents Scholars are required to complete two years of study of one foreign language.
- Board of Regents Qualified Admissions strongly encourages students to take two units of one foreign language in high school.
- Federal NCLB Definitions: "CORE ACADEMIC SUBJECTS – The term core academic subjects means English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, **foreign languages**, civics and government, economics, arts, history, and geography." Title IX (20 U.S.C. 7801 et seq.) Sec. 9101. DEFINITIONS
- Research shows that students who have taken at least **three years** of a foreign language can be predicted to score higher on verbal performance tests in English than those who have not. (Cooper, *Foreign Language Annals*, Vol. 41, No. 2, p. 200, 2008).
- Kansas recognizes American Sign Language (ASL) as a foreign language according to state statute 72-1121, L1990 Ch. 253, P. 2, July 1.

Standards

- Kansas Model Curricular Standards for World Languages, 2008.
www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3511
- Standards guides for specific languages now available for Novice Low and Novice Mid
www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3512

Assessments

State assessments are not required. Integrated performance assessment, self-assessment checklists, and formative and summative assessments are recommended on the "Instructional Resources" webpage
www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3512

These include:

- Novice Low and Novice Mid model interviews
- LinguaFolio and LinguaFolio Junior
- National Exams
- Advanced Placement

Languages in Kansas

According to a survey of public schools in 2010-2011

- 17.57% of Kansas K-12 students received instruction in a world language.
- 99% of KS districts offered at least one language (many through distance learning)
- 30% of the state's high school students (9-12) received instruction in a world language
 - 14% in Level 1
 - 10% in Level 2
 - 6 % in all higher levels combined
- 16% of the of this year's high school students met the Board of Regents KS Scholars requirement and Qualified Admissions recommendation.
- Languages taught in the state include: (these are approximate numbers; the survey included about 90% of our state's student population.)

○ Spanish	57,570 students
○ French	9,728
○ German	2,491
○ Latin	1,129
○ Chinese	791
○ ASL	424
○ Japanese	285
○ Russian	42
○ Arabic	32
○ Italian	10
○ Greek	9

Resources

- World Languages Instructional Resources
www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3512#WL
- KSDE Visiting International Teachers (VIT) provides teachers from China and Spain,
www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1751
- KSDE "Languages" listserv, send request to join to Phyllis Farrar.
- Kansas Education Resource Center, standards training modules, www.kerc-ks.org
- Kansas Committee for International Education in the Schools (KCIES), www.kansasintheworld.org
- Kansas World Language Association (KSWLA),
www.kswla.org

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