

The Rest of Your Life

It's hard to imagine one class affecting so many aspects of a person's life, but world languages offer students amazing benefits and opportunities!

In High School:

Standardized Testing (ACT, PSAE) Gets Easier!

The farther a student pursues a second language, the more agile and effective his or her brain will become. Analysis by the Admissions Testing Program of the College Board has shown that the longer a student took a world language, the higher his/her verbal SAT scores would be **BOOSTED!** Students with four to five years of any other subject did not score higher than students with four to five years of a world language!

Less stress on exam days! What a

BOOST!



Higher scores on SAT, ACT and other standardized tests

BOOST your chances of acceptance into college!

English and Other Classes Get Easier, too!

The English vocabulary you study has origins in a number of language families, including the Germanic (German and Old Norse), the Romance languages (e.g., Spanish and French) and the "Mother Languages" of Latin and Greek. No matter which LP language you study, the vocabulary you will learn is a **BOOST** when developing your English vocabulary.

Most students report that as their fluency grows in a world language, reading comprehension and writing English with correct grammar becomes **easier**.

This provides a **BOOST** in all your classes!

The Louisiana Report on world language and basic skills (Rafferty, 1986) showed that world language students of any race, sex, or grade tended to outperform their classmates. All of your efforts in other classes to develop critical, divergent or higher-order thinking, as well as mental flexibility and creativity, are BOOSTED by world language study.



The College BOOST

World Languages not only **BOOST** your chances of college admission, but can

help you get your degree even faster!

The COMPETITION BOOST

Getting into college has become more competitive than ever. If you want to come in ahead of the pack, you need transcripts that show you have gone the extra mile. UPPER LEVEL world language classes can BOOST you ahead of students who meet only the minimum requirements!



The DEDICATION BOOST

Many universities that are popular with LP students have low minimum requirements for world language, but will **give preference** to students who have demonstrated the dedication necessary to complete upper level world language classes.

THE EQUIVALENCY BOOST

It's easy to forget that there is more to college than admission. Depending on your major, you may need anywhere from two college semesters to completion of "4th collegiate level" in your language to finish your degree. Most colleges allow you to meet these requirements by counting your UPPER LEVEL years of high school world language classes.





THE AP BOOST

Advanced Placement (AP) world language classes offer students even more of a **BOOST** in their degree programs. Depending on your AP test score, you can not only avoid retaking the beginner level world language classes that your degree might require, but your AP credits become COLLEGE credits, allowing you to graduate faster and save thousands of tuition dollars! What a **BOOST** for your bank account!

The Employability BOOST

The largest corporations in the US are closely involved with banks and businesses in other nations. More and more smaller companies "go international" every year. To effectively do business, these employers prefer to hire workers who can speak two or more languages.





In addition to international travel for business, remember that exciting research in natural and biological sciences, archaeology, conservation and the like is happening all over the world. The ability to speak well in a world language BOOSTS your chances of involvement in projects of global or historic importance! 5

Careers in law, medicine, hospitality, law enforcement, public service and retail may all involve the need to communicate with speakers of other languages here in the United States. A second language is an obvious BOOST for many careers!

The limits of my language determine the limits of my universe. (Ludwig Wittgenstein)

BOOST The Quality of Your Life!

International travel is made significantly easier and more satisfying when you are able to communicate in a second language.

Whichever language you prefer to learn will likely be a **BOOST** to a world traveler. Don't assume that knowing French, for example, will only be useful in French-speaking countries. It is very common for people in Europe, Asia and other regions to study several languages in school; your knowledge of German could get you out of a jam in Paris or Stockholm, let alone Berlin!

Knowing another language and spending time living in another culture can lead you to experiences, friendships, or careers you never dreamed possible! A second language can remove barriers between you and others. That's more than a **BOOST**, when the sky is the limit!



You live a new life for every new language you speak. If you know only one language, you live only once. (Czech proverb)







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