

World Language Numbers from 2011 to present:

11% growth from 2011 to present

	Total # Language Students	Total # TVHS Students	Total % Language Students
2011-2012	54	171	31
2012-2013	58	155	37
2013-2014	61	147	41
2014-2015	70	150	47
2015-2016	58	138	42

- We project at least 5 AP students in each language next year.

Education Requirements

- The new Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements created by the Vermont Agency of Education include foreign language proficiencies as a requirement for high school graduation. See requirements:

<http://education.vermont.gov/pbgr/sample-pbgr>

- Minimum requirements for application to the University of Vermont include at least 2 years of a foreign language in high school.
- In an increasingly globalized world, foreign language is an important 21st Century Skill.

I urge the Twin Valley School Directors to:

- Create a Middle School program similar to last year's which is comparable to competing middle schools in the area
- Find the funding in the 2016-17 budget to provide our students with 2 full time language teachers
- Adopt a Level 1 (French 1, Spanish 1) language requirement in accordance with the Vermont state Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements
- Plan the 2017-18 budget to include exposure to second languages for our elementary children at TVES

Foreign Language at Twin Valley Elementary/Middle/High School

Previous World Language Structure at Twin Valley:

- Elementary School – 1 time per week
(lost beginning 2013-2014; proposed cut was for one year only)
- Middle School – Every other day for the year or every day for 1 semester; exceptions for students with special needs
 - 7th Grade – First half Level 1
 - 8th grade – Second half Level 1*(lost beginning 2015-2016 due to scheduling change)*
- High School – Elective
 - Level 1 – Only students who did not meet proficiencies, students who were exempt due to special needs, and students from other schools
 - Level 2 – 9th and 10th graders
 - Level 3 – 10th and 11th grade
 - Advanced – 2 year rotating curriculum, containing different levels of students (AP students can be placed with these students but will require an additional semester)*(beginning 2016 with the proposed cut, we will be able to offer only 6 of these 8 courses)*

Comparison of the previous Middle School model and the current model:

	2014-2015	2015-2016
	Contact Minutes	Contact Minutes
Grade 6	No language study.	1,170 minutes French, 1,170 minutes Spanish
Grade 7	4,770 minutes <i>53 minutes, every day, 1 semester</i>	2,340 minutes Spanish <i>78 minutes, every day, 6 weeks</i>
Grade 8	4,770 minutes <i>53 minutes, every day, 1 semester</i>	2,340 minutes French <i>78 minutes, every day, 6 weeks</i>
MS Total	9,540 minutes in chosen language	3,510 minutes each language (7,020 total)