JAPANESE

JAPANESE 1-2
Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 -- Year
Prerequisite: C in English class or instructor/counselor recommendation.

Japanese 1-2 is a beginning course introducing students to the spoken and written language of Japanese. Students will understand and produce basic sentences in simple past and present tense. They will use set phrases to introduce themselves and others, and discuss various topics of daily life. Students will master both phonetic writing systems hiragana and katakana, and distinguish appropriate situations for the use of each.

JAPANESE 3-4
Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 -- Year
Prerequisite: C or better in Japanese 1-2

Japanese 3-4 is a basic/intermediate course building on the vocabulary and grammar learned in Japanese 1-2. Students will communicate using more complex verb conjugations (progressive tenses) and varying degrees of formality (honorific vs. humble and distal vs. direct). Having mastered the phonetic writing systems of hiragana and katakana, students will identify and be able to produce 100 kanji.

JAPANESE 5-6
Grades 10, 11, 12 -- Year
Prerequisite: C or better in Japanese 3-4

Japanese 5-6 is an intermediate course building on the vocabulary and grammar learned in Japanese 1-4. Students will communicate using more complex verb conjugations (progressive tenses) and varying degrees of formality (honorific vs. humble and distal vs. direct). Having mastered the phonetic writing systems of hiragana and katakana, students will expand their skill to produce kanji.

KOREAN

KOREAN 1-2
Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 -- Year
Prerequisite: None

This course is open to students who have no or very limited knowledge of Korean. The course emphasizes the development of basic communication skills through intensive exercise and practice of sample patterns of dialogue and basic grammar. This course is action-centered oral practice with basic Korean sentence structures. Hangul, the Korean alphabet, will be introduced for reading and writing.

KOREAN 3-4
Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 -- Year
Prerequisite: Korean 1-2 with a minimum grade of C and instructor recommendation or proficiency test.

This course emphasizes communication skills through more complicated dialogues with expanded vocabulary, grammar and sentence structure, and through reading materials. The student will demonstrate oral presentations and composition on simple topics in the class. There are some videos about Korean culture and history, as well as selected Korean songs and movies.