

How will the  
Tennessee High School  
Redesign  
help students?

1. All students will be prepared to compete in a global society by completing more rigorous coursework.
2. All students will complete a 3 unit focus in an area of their interest in addition to expanded core curriculum requirements.  
What a great decision it is to choose foreign language as a focus area!
3. All students planning to attend a university will complete 2 units in one foreign language.



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## Why Study Other Languages?

*Research shows that language learning:*

- *correlates to higher academic achievement, as measured by standardized tests, in math, language, science and analytical thinking skills.*
- *enhances students' reading abilities, vocabulary development & linguistic awareness.*
- *gives students an advantage with English grammar and word recognition.*
- *allows transfer from one language to another.*
- *correlates to higher scores on the SAT and ACT tests.*
- *has a positive impact on higher academic performance at the college level.*
- *can benefit all students.*

See: <http://actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=4524>  
for primary sources/research  
abstracts

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**The best news?  
Students can develop proficiency in multiple languages!  
Can't decide which one to choose? Try two!**

University bound students can complete both the 2 unit foreign language requirement and the 3 unit focus requirement by completing 5 units of one foreign language or a combination of 2 languages.

A second foreign language is much easier to learn after a student has studied one, especially if the second language is in the same language family. Career opportunities will be greatly enhanced by proficiency in multiple languages!

Students who are able to complete 5 units in one language should place into upper level college language courses upon successful completion of standard placement tests, thereby saving both time and money at the university!

For all languages, there is so much more than the language itself! Interwoven with communication are the culture, history, philosophy, and multiple contributions of the people speaking each language!

Which languages should I study?  
Consider these career correlations:

**Chinese**

- National security interests
- International business
- U.S. Government

**French**

- Aerospace
- Architecture
- Business
- Culinary arts
- Education
- Fashion design
- Fine arts – music, theater, art
- Science

**German**

- Business
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- History
- Music
- Philosophy
- Religion

**Latin**

- Legal system
- Medicine
- Education
- History
- Archaeology

**Japanese**

- Business
- Science
- Technology

**Russian**

- National security interests
- U.S. Government

**Spanish**

- Education
- Hospitality industry
- Medicine
- Public safety/Criminal justice
- Social services