VERONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WORLD LANGUAGE UPDATE



World Language Restructure Grades 1-4

World Language Goals

- 1. Provide choice in elementary grades and exposure to more than one language/culture.
- 2. Provide a consistent experience district-wide for all students.
- 3. Enable more informed decisions about student language commitment when entering HBW.

	Current Structure	Interim Structure (2012-2013)	New Structure (2013 and on)
Elem	Brookdale: Spanish FNB: Spanish Forest: Mandarin Laning: French	Brookdale: Spanish FNB: Spanish Forest: Mandarin Laning: Mandarin	Brookdale:Spanish/MandFNB:Spanish/MandForest:Spanish/MandLaning:Spanish/Mand
Middle	Choice of Spanish, Mandarin, French upon entry to HBW	Choice of Spanish, Mandarin, French upon entry to HBW	Choice of Spanish, Mandarin, French upon entry to HBW
High School	Choice of at least two languages upon entry to VHS	Choice of at least two languages upon entry to VHS	Possible expansion of language choices at VHS



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Two-year implementation time-line

YEAR	ACTION ITEM	IMPACT
2012-2013	Expand Mandarin program to Laning, grades 1-4, in lieu of French	 Allows for more balanced world language program offerings among elementary schools - two will offer Spanish, two will offer Mandarin Allocates world language personnel more efficiently and effectively
2013-2014 <i>TENTATIVE</i>	¹ / ₂ year Mandarin instruction and ¹ / ₂ year Spanish instruction in grades 1-4 in all elementary schools	 Allows for consistency of experience among elementary schools Students can make more informed decision regarding world language in middle school



How will these changes affect current students?

2012-2013

- Laning students in grades 1-4 will take Mandarin during 2012-2013 school year
- Students at 5 other district schools will have no change

2013-2014

- All students, grades 1-4, will receive instruction in both Spanish & Mandarin (1/2 year of each)
- Students in grades 6-12 will have no change

Still being evaluated:

• Will explore whether French will still be an option for 5th grade students in 2013-2014



World Language Restructure Next Steps

- Begin exploring restructuring options for HBW and VHS World Language programs:
 - Collect and review data/information of comp district offerings
 - Determine whether to maintain all 3 languages at middle and high school levels
 - Explore possibilities of offering additional languages at VHS through online courses, etc.

