



World Language Lunchtime Enrichment Classes

Proudly sponsored by the Whittier PTO!

Interested in learning another language? Sign up for Whittier's lunchtime World Language enrichment classes! This year, students in grades 2-5 can choose from various levels of **French, German, or American Sign Language**, running from October to March/April (20 classes total). Classes meet during the entire lunch hour (55 minutes) once a week. See below for more class information and see back to learn about our instructors.

Our Program Objectives

- To inspire students to have a positive attitude towards foreign languages and to increase their appreciation and awareness of diverse cultures.
- To introduce students to basic listening and speaking skills in another language and expose students to the culture of countries in which the language is spoken.
- Vocabulary topics may include greetings & pleasantries, describing oneself, animals, colors, simple actions, daily activities, feelings, and food.
- As students advance, some reading and writing may be introduced. Classes will be tailored to the level of the students.

Mondays - French

Tuesdays - American Sign Language

Thursdays - German

Registration opens **September 14th through September 26.**

All classes start the week of **October 1st** and run through March/April.

After registration, your child's instructor will contact you with a list of exact class dates.

NEW: Whittier's PTO is proud to offer need-based scholarships this year!

All scholarship requests are due Sept. 24 for Whittier administration approval.

Questions? Contact PTO World Language Chair, Lori Robert at lori.robert@ymail.com

World Language Program Instructors

French – Lori Robert

Lori Robert is a Whittier parent and the PTO World Language Chair. This is her third year teaching French at Whittier Hatch, and her second year at Lincoln. She is a fluent French speaker, raising two bilingual children along with her French husband. She completed a French minor at the University of Arizona and spent a year abroad in Paris. Her experience includes teaching French enrichment classes at multiple local elementary schools, teaching private lessons, and co-teaching with her husband for the French-Speaking Children's Group of Oak Park. Her classes will focus on speaking and comprehension through fun songs, projects, games, short videos and stories.

German - Lisa Krueger Peters

Lisa Krueger Peters spent a year abroad at University in Germany and Austria before receiving her Illinois Teaching Certificate in German Language and then going on to teach German in high school (levels I, II, III, & IV), junior high (7th & 8th grades), and elementary school levels (K - 6) over a 25+ year career. Her classes emphasize having fun while employing listening and speaking skills to complete small and large hands-on projects, as well as singing songs, playing games, reading books, and many other educational activities.

American Sign Language - Stephanie Hartman

Stephanie Hartman is a Julian and OPRF parent. This is her third year teaching American sign language at Irving and her second at Whittier. She completed a degree in sign language interpreting in St Louis and was a licensed and certified educational interpreter working in Missouri and Illinois. She has experience teaching ASL enrichment classes at schools and teaching private lessons (both small group and individual). Her classes will focus on learning about Deaf Culture and ASL through hands-on activities, games and short videos.



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Registration Form: Due Sept. 26

Please include tuition payment with form and submit to Whittier office. Make check payable to Whittier PTO. Minimum class size: 6.

Student 1: Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

French (Mondays) \$170

German (Thursdays) \$170

American Sign Language (Tuesdays) \$170

Does student have prior experience in this language? _____

Each additional child gets a discount! See prices below:

Student 2: Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

French (Mondays) \$150

German (Thursdays) \$150

American Sign Language (Tuesdays) \$150

Does student have prior experience in this language? _____

Parent/Guardian's name _____

Email address _____

Daytime phone number _____

If additional students, please add to back.

NEW: Need-based scholarship request YES _____ NO _____

(Must register by Monday, September 24th to be considered for a scholarship)

Scholarships are determined confidentially by Whittier administration and are given on a first-come, first-served basis. Maximum one language course per child per year.

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