

High School Placements in BCPS



For all our students who will be staying with BCPS, below is the world language placement and course progression that can be expected throughout high school. This is the trajectory regardless of language of study. Please be aware that some high schools are not yet labeling WL courses by these new titles. In those cases, Level 3 is equivalent to Language & Cultures (H) and Level 4 is equivalent to Special Topics (GT). If you have any questions regarding high school placement, please reach out to your child's world language teacher or to Kristen Denton at kdenton@bcps.org.

8 th grade course	9 th grade course	Proficiency Level
Novice A	Level 2	Novice Mid
Novice B	Language & Cultures (H)	Novice High
Intermediate (choice of two levels)	Language & Cultures (H)	Novice High
	Special Topics (GT)	Intermediate

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
AAPPL Proficiency Benchmark Assessment at the end of Grade 7 (supports HS placement)	Students with no prior WL or students starting a new WL Level 1	Level 2	Language & Culture (H)*	Special Topics (GT)*
	Students who did not successfully complete at least 2 years of WL study Level 2	Language & Culture (H)*	Special Topics (GT)*	AP/IB
	Novice-level proficiency 2-3 years of WL study Language & Culture (H)*	Special Topics (GT)*	AP/IB	AP/IB
	Intermediate-level proficiency or above /heritage speakers 2-3 years of WL study Special Topics (GT)*	AP /IB	AP/ IB	AP/IB

ACTFL PROFICIENCY LEVELS

DISTINGUISHED

Can reflect on a wide range of **global issues** and **highly abstract concepts**, use **persuasive** hypothetical discourse, and **tailor** language to a variety of audiences

SUPERIOR

Can **support opinion**, **hypothesize**, discuss topics concretely and **abstractly**, and handle a **linguistically unfamiliar situation**

ADVANCED

Can **narrate and describe** in all **major time frames** and handle a situation with a **complication**

INTERMEDIATE

Can **create with language**, ask and **answer simple questions** on familiar topics, and handle a simple situation or **transaction**

NOVICE

Can **communicate** with formulaic and rote utterances, lists, and phrases

INVERTED PYRAMID REPRESENTING THE
FUNCTIONS OF THE MAJOR LEVELS



