

October 11, 2016



SURVEY OF FAMILIES

Please return this survey to school by October 17, 2016.

Or online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MercerDLISurvey>

Dear Dual Language Immersion Spanish and Mandarin Families at Mercer Intl MS,

This is to follow up on the letter we sent home to you in September about the recommendations from the **International Schools / Dual Language Immersion Task Force** regarding the high school pathway for your students. It appears that all 25 students in the 8th grade Spanish Dual Language Immersion (DLI) continuation cohort are currently assigned to attend Franklin High School, while 21 out of 26 8th grade Mandarin students are assigned to Franklin High School, and the others are assigned to Garfield High School or Rainier Beach High School.

We have contacted the principals from Franklin, Cleveland, and Rainier Beach, as well as Chief Sealth International High School. Based on the information we currently have, here is a summary of what we believe these schools would be able to offer to support continued language study in high school.

High School	Language Program	Other Subject Area
Franklin High School	Both Mandarin and Spanish are currently taught up to Level 3 (Japanese is also offered) Level 4 or AP language courses could be offered if there is sufficient enrollment Heritage Mandarin and Spanish students at the school might be interested in joining the AP courses	No other content areas taught in Mandarin or Spanish
Cleveland High School	Both Mandarin and Spanish are currently taught up to Level 3, although they do not have a regular Spanish teacher at this time It is not likely the school would be ready to offer AP level language classes by 2017	No other content areas taught in Mandarin or Spanish
Rainier Beach High School	Both Mandarin and Spanish are currently taught to Level 3 and Level 4 (IB) Students can't take IB tests until 11 th or 12 th grade	No other content areas taught in Mandarin or Spanish
Chief Sealth Intl High School	Both Mandarin and Spanish are currently taught through the IB level AP Spanish is offered at 9 th grade for DLI students from Denny Intl MS AP Chinese could be offered at 9 th grade by Fall 2017	Social Studies classes are currently offered in Spanish grades 9-12 Mandarin could begin offering Social Studies classes by Fall 2017

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Currently, all four schools have room for additional students, so if you choose one of these schools during Open Enrollment in February 2017, it's likely that your child could be placed there. In the case of Chief Sealth International High School, if it is designated as the **Dual Language Immersion Pathway** for the Mercer International 8th grade DLI cohorts in Spanish and Mandarin (at least for the next few years), the district would provide ORCA cards to students for transportation to the school. (Families would still need to explicitly choose Chief Sealth during Open Enrollment.)

Based on this information and your family's current plans for high school, which high school would you be most likely to select for your child for 9th grade?

Student Name:	
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Language: Spanish Mandarin

High School Options	<i>Would you like your child to attend this school?</i>			
	Yes	Maybe	No	Comments
Franklin High School				
Cleveland High School				
Rainier Beach High School				
Chief Sealth Intl High School				
Other high school? Which one?				

Hybrid/Online Option	<i>Would your child be interested in this type of course?</i>			
	Yes	Maybe	No	Comments
If there is not a large enough cohort of students selecting the same high school, would your child be interested in registering for a special Level 4 language course offered partially online and partially in-person with global themes and project-based learning?				

(If you prefer, complete the survey online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MercerDLISurvey>)
Please return this survey to school by Monday, October 17, 2016 or email it to Michele.

Sincerely,
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