



## WORLD LANGUAGES IN TEXAS

The Texas Foreign Language Association envisions a multilingual society where Texas use language and intercultural skills to better their lives, their communities, and the economic success of the state.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF TEXAS LANGUAGE EDUCATION

- More than 160 different languages are spoken in Texas.
- 8.6 million (35.6%) Texas citizens are speakers of a non-English language, which is higher than the national average of 22%.
- 1 in 3 Texans speak a language other than English at home.
- "Bilingual" ranked in the Texas Workforce Commission's "Top 20 Employability Skills".

### Top 10 Languages Other Than English Spoken by Texans:

- Spanish
- Vietnamese
- Chinese
- Other Asian Languages
- African Languages
- Tagalog
- Hindi
- French
- Urdu
- German

### Top 10 Languages Taught in Texas schools:

- Spanish
- French
- American Sign Language
- Chinese
- German
- Latin
- Turkish
- Japanese
- Arabic
- Italian



## LANGUAGE EDUCATION IN THE LONE STAR STATE

Texas residents make up 14% of the total U.S. Limited English Proficient population.

16 languages are currently taught in Texas public schools with over a million students enrolled in those classes.

Texas students can receive a Performance Acknowledgement on their high school diploma for showing proficiency in English and another language.

AP Spanish Language and Culture is one of the few AP courses offered to 8th graders in Texas.



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