

EXPLORE THE WORLD THROUGH FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Your PTA, in conjunction with the Office of Adult and Community Education of Fairfax County Public Schools, is planning to offer a Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) program.

As a student in the FLEX program, your child will receive an introduction to the target language and culture. Utilizing their senses, the students will learn through dialogues, commands, pictures, stories, songs, games and foods of the target country. Due to the time limitations and the nature of the program, please do not expect fluency. Students will not receive grades. Instructors will send home a progress report at the end of the class.

In the beginning curriculum (initial year and second year), a typical course will include the following topics:

- introductory social dialogue
- colors, numbers
- animals
- foods
- parts of the body
- basic national culture: map location, flag, landmarks, songs, art, holiday customs
- classroom objects
- weather/climate, seasons, calendar
- family
- clothing

The goal of the advanced or third year curriculum is to expand upon these basic vocabulary patterns through the introduction of reading, writing and grammar exercises. Students who have completed two years of the FLEX beginning program (30 hours minimum) are eligible for the advanced or third year curriculum.

Instructors are employed by Fairfax County Public Schools, Office of Adult and Community Education. They are provided with a curriculum guide and other teaching materials and are required to attend a training session each school year.

Parents must provide before or after-school transportation arrangements. *Students must be picked up promptly at the end of the class. **There is no one to supervise the children after class.*** Their safety is our concern. *Repeated situations where a child is not picked up will result in the child being withdrawn from the program.*

FLEX is committed to non-discrimination in its program, services, and activities. For special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, contact the FLEX program office at 703.658.1291 at least two weeks in advance of the registration deadline. FLEX staff will make every attempt to provide reasonable accommodations; however, failure to request an accommodation within the specified timeframe may limit the ability to fulfill this request.

Classes will be confirmed if a minimum of 8 children are enrolled. The classes offered and the tuition rates for each are listed on the back side of this sheet. After the September 30th registration deadline, a confirmation will be sent with the start date, location and time of each class to all students enrolled in a FLEX class. If FLEX classes are cancelled due to school closings or delays, the missed class will be made up at a future time.