Role of Foreign Language in Internationalization
What is the Role of Foreign Language Education in Internationalization?
Primary Foreign Languages Taught in the U.S.

Spanish
French

(Pufahl, 2011)
Foreign Language Program Models

- Immersion/Dual Language Programs
- Foreign Language in Elementary School (FLES)
- Foreign Language Exploration (FLEX)
Current State of Foreign Language Programs

1997
31% of Elementary Schools offered a Foreign Language Program
24% of Public Elementary Schools offering a Foreign Language Program

2008
25% of Elementary Schools offered a Foreign Language Program
15% of Public Elementary Schools offering a Foreign Language Program

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Challenges Facing Foreign Language Education

- No Child Left Behind
- Stakeholder buy-in
- Funding
- Lack of Language Teachers
- Lack of Teacher Training
Benefits of Foreign Language Education

- Increased Cognitive Skills
- Higher achievement in academic areas
- Higher Achievement in Test Scores
- Understanding and connecting with other Cultures
- Long term benefits
Sources


