

Recommendation for Adoption World Languages: Spanish and French

Rationale:

- A new World Languages curriculum resource will provide a modern, communicative approach to language learning.
- We require a curriculum that aligns with ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) World-Readiness Standards to ensure students move toward measurable proficiency.
- Currently, our materials are legacy web-based tools, offer limited tech support, and are not user-friendly (both from the teacher and student perspective). Current resources have shown inconsistent results across peer districts.

Recommendation:

We are excited to recommend the **Senderos** (Spanish) and **Chemins** (French) programs from Vista Higher Learning. They really stood out as the best fit for our students for these key reasons:

- **Focus on Functional Proficiency:** Rather than relying on isolated vocabulary lists, the curriculum centers on the three modes of communication (Interpretive, Interpersonal, and Presentational). This ensures students can actually apply the language in listening, speaking, and writing tasks.
- **Intentional, Scaffolded Growth:** The program utilizes a "spiraling" design where grammar and vocabulary are reintroduced in increasingly complex contexts. This supports long-term retention and prevents the need for a significant "reset" or extensive review at the start of each new school year.
- **Commitment to Equity and Access:** Built-in differentiated support tools allow teachers to meet students at their individual proficiency levels. This ensures that every learner remains engaged and supported, regardless of their starting point.
- **Authentic Cultural Integration:** The inclusion of high-quality "short film" style videos and authentic texts from across the globe helps students build genuine cultural competence beyond the textbook.
- **The PRIME Digital Advantage:** The **Supersite** platform offers more than just digital practice; it provides immediate, automated feedback and features like "Partner Chat" for speaking practice. This "intelligent" layer encourages students to take ownership of their learning outside of the classroom.
- **Articulation:** Vista Higher Learning is a current industry leader, offering a massive digital ecosystem and high production value. Adopting **Senderos** and **Chemins** ensures a consistent, smooth transition for our students as they move through every level of our program.

Process:

In order to arrive at this recommendation, our Spanish and French teachers engaged in the following process.

- 2024- 2025 school year
 - Evaluated student proficiency data (Cycles) and identified the need for more communicative-based instruction.
 - Reviewed samples from Vista Higher Learning, Carnegie Learning, and Pearson/Savvas.

- October 2025
 - Initial meeting with teachers to go over the process and learn about their desired resources from Vista Higher Learning.
- December 2025
 - Vista Higher Learning pilot professional learning and pilot planning.
- January 2026 - March 2026
 - Pilot Vista Higher Learning Spanish and French materials with students.

Cost Summary:

Resource Materials

Resource	Total Cost for 6 Years
Vista Higher Learning: Senderos and Chemins	\$43,230.71

Professional Learning is available, but is not included in the cost proposal. This can be added at a later date.

Committee Members / Pilot Teachers:

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Attachments:

- Quote - Vista Higher Learning