



RESOURCES FOR F.L.E.S:

ENCHANTED LEARNING

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Home.html>

LANGUAGES ONLINE

<http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/>

CENTRO VIRTUAL CERVANTES

<http://cvc.cervantes.es/ensenanza/mimundo/default.htm>

CHILE PARA NIÑOS

<http://www.chileparaninos.cl/>

STORYPLACE LA BIBLIOTECA PRE-ESCOLAR

<http://www.storyplace.org/sp/preschool/activities/colorstory.asp>

WRIGHT GROUP SONGS

<http://www.wrightgroup.com/index.php/home/worldlanguages/espanolparati/teacherslounge/thingsyoucanuse/songs/185>

PICTURE DICTIONARY

<http://www.pdictionary.com/spanish/>

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Loudoun County Public Schools Foreign Language Department Mission Statement

The mission of the Loudoun County Public Schools Foreign Language program is to develop linguistic proficiency and cultural sensitivity in students, beginning at an early age, so that they may participate as productive citizens in a global community.



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FLES PROGRAM



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F.L.E.S PROGRAM

FLES is an acronym for Foreign Language in the Elementary School. In the FY 13 School Board adopted budget, the LCPS Spanish FLES program provides instruction to all students in grades 4 and 5. In grades 4 and 5, instruction will be 30 minutes once per week at all elementary schools.

The goals of the FLES program are to expose students to a second language at an early age and to encourage awareness of cultural differences. These goals are grounded on the following principles:

- Children acquire language naturally and can readily learn a second language if the environment for the second language is similar to that of the native language environment.
- Children understand the concept of culture through comparisons of cultures studied with their own.

The Spanish FLES program was piloted in 2002 at 10 schools. The following year 14 schools were added with Spanish instruction in grades 1 and 2. Then, 27 schools had Spanish instruction in grades 1 through 3. In SY 2011-2012, all Loudoun County Public School students in grades 1 through 5 received Spanish instruction. In grades 1 and 2, instruction was 30 minutes per week, and in grades 3 through 5, instruction was 60 minutes per week at all schools.

Last school year 2011-2012, FLES was on the CLARITY report card for grades 3 to 5. Students were graded on their oral, listening and reading skills. Due to changes to our program, this year 2012-2013 FLES will no longer be on the CLARITY report card.

This year, Loudoun County Public School students in grades 4 and 5 will be the only ones to receive FLES instruction. This instruction will be 30 minutes per week at all schools.

The five C's of Foreign Language Education are:



Second language acquisition is considered one of the most powerful "brain builders." Research shows that children derive many benefits, including cognitive, academic, and societal, from early language instruction.

F.L.E.S THEMES

The curriculum includes the following topics:

4th Grade

- All About Me
 - Questions about Yourself
 - Birthday, Siblings, Pets
 - Favorites
- The School
 - School Places and Personnel
 - School Supplies
 - Subjects
- The Restaurant
 - Food
 - Restaurant
 - Ordering Food
- Ecosystems
 - Ecosystems
 - Animals
 - Climate

5th Grade

- All About Me
 - Questions about Yourself
 - Pets and Favorites
 - Self-description
- Sports and Hobbies
 - Sports
 - Hobbies
 - Time
- The Community
 - Places in the Community
 - Professions
 - Transportation