Placement of Students in World Language Classes

It is important that students be properly placed when proceeding from one level to the next in a world language. The teacher recommendation is an essential part of the process to ensure the right match for all students. The following factors are considered.

To continue to the Next Level in an Academic course:

Recommendation of the current teacher based on:

- 1. A "C" academic average in the current level. Students earning below the "C" average would benefit from repeating that level, especially when midterm and final exam grades are below "C".
- 2. Minimum of "C" on the midterm and final exams.
- 3. Acceptable class work, class participation and study habits.
- 4. Acceptable improvement in communicative competence.

When a student has not been able to maintain the "C" average for the course he/she will be recommended to repeat the course. Repeating a year of language study reinforces basic skills and helps ensure success at the next level of study. An alternative to repeating a year of study is to enroll in summer school in order to continue to the next level.

To Continue to the Next Level in an Honors Class:

Recommendation of the current teacher based on:

- 1. Minimum of "B" academic average in the current level.
- 2. Acceptance of responsibility for learning.
- 3. Demonstration of the qualities of an independent learner with excellent work habits and organizational skills.
- 4. Above average progress in communicative competence. Honors level courses are accelerated courses for students who are highly motivated to learn a second language. Therefore the course content and proficiency expectations are different from the Academic level course.