

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

DEPARTMENT PORTFOLIO

Our Mission

The foreign language program at Charles Herbert Flowers High School is committed to the development of proficiency in the target language through the use of communicative situations and National Standards as a Framework. Our purpose for learning a second language is to be able to communicate with the people who speak it and to understand their cultures. We aim to become bilingual, biliteral and multicultural.

Goals

**GOAL ONE: Communicate in Languages
Other Than English**

**GOAL TWO: Gain Knowledge and Understanding
of Other Cultures**

**GOAL THREE: Connect with Other Disciplines
and Acquire Information**

**GOAL FOUR: Develop Insight into the Nature of
Language and Culture**

**GOAL FIVE: Participate in Multilingual
Communities at Home and
Around the World**

Activities and Sponsors

Tutorial Services

- **French Dr. Arungwa M, W, F After school**
- **Spanish Mr. Beheton M, Th After school**
- **Spanish Mrs. Gray Daily After school**
- **Spanish Mrs. Richardson B-Day All Lunches**

Clubs and Special Activities

- **La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (Spanish Nat'l.Honor Society) Sponsor – Mrs. Richardson**

The Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, was formally organized in 1953 as the Spanish National Honor Society, and the name was changed in 1959. The purpose is to recognize high student achievement in Spanish and Portuguese and to promote a continuity of interest in Hispanic Studies. It is a service organization. The CHFHS chapter is named The Ricardo Palma Chapter.

- **Black Hispanic Poetry – Sponsor – Mrs. Gray**
- **Famous Black Hispanics Projects – Sponsor – Mrs. Gray**
- **Online Course - The Web Portfolio: A Project to Teach Spanish Reading and Hispanic Culture (Students utilized “Blackboard” to create web portfolios, collaborate via online discussions,**

present research, review classmates portfolios, e-mail homework assignments and write reaction papers to critique classmates' work.)

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- **Spanish School Newspaper, “La Voz”, written and published by Spanish V class quarterly – Sponsor- Mrs. Richardson**
- **Timelines of Famous African Americans written in Spanish – Sponsor- Ms. Githiora**
- **Field trips to the National Gallery of Art to participate in guided tours conducted in the target language – Sponsors – Mrs. Richardson and Ms. Githiora**
- **Field trips to authentic restaurants in which the target language is to communicate – Entire Dept.**
- **Field trips to embassies to connect and gain knowledge about other cultures – Sponsor -Mrs. Richardson**
- **Guest speakers from the cultures of the target languages – Sponsor – Mr. Beheton**
- **Holiday cards sent to Iraq – Sponsor – Mrs. Gray**
- **On-going Cultural Displays – Sponsor – Mr. Sanchez**

Once a Year Activities/Competitions

- **National Foreign Language Week Celebration Activities are created throughout the first complete week of March annually to promote cultural awareness and multiculturalism (ex. Presentations by Youth for Understanding which is an international student exchange organization, French and**

Spanish menus in the school cafeteria, displays throughout the FL corridor, Central American theater group in music and dance, etc.)

- **La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica Initiation Ceremony (held each December)**
- **La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica Awards Luncheon held each Spring**
- **La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica Scholarship and Awards Essay Contests which include Junior Year Abroad**
- **STAMP TEST (Standards-based Measurement of Proficiency) Administered each Spring – Sponsor – Mrs. Richardson (CHFHS scores were 3rd highest in the County)**
- **National Spanish Exams are administered each March to test Spanish achievement. Sponsored by the AATSP and winners are awarded medals/certificates – Sponsor – Mrs. Richardson**