

LANGUAGE POLICY

KINSTON HIGH SCHOOL

PHILOSOPHY

The administration, staff, and faculty of Kinston High School share the common belief that language instruction is an inherent part of every teacher's course of instruction. Language is the primary means by which individuals communicate with each other and convey their opinions and feelings to each other. Learning the appropriate use of language is essential to student success in the classroom and in the broader global community. Students must learn how to use language correctly, accurately, and fluently. Through the proper use of language, students can demonstrate their ability to communicate, both orally and in writing, in a wide range of situations, both academic and social. Through the proper acquisition of language and language skills, students can truly become critical thinkers, skeptical inquirers, and lifelong learners.

LANGUAGE PROFILE

The vast majority of the students enrolled at Kinston High School speak English. However, there are some students whose home language is not English. Less than 5% of the student population is Hispanic/Latino, while less than 1% of the student population is Arabic. The language of instruction at Kinston High School is English, except for those ELL classes where a combination of English and the mother tongue of the students is used, and in the World Languages department, where either Spanish or French is spoken.

LANGUAGE OFFERINGS

At Kinston High School, the Language Arts department offers a wide range of courses in English. These offerings include English I – IV for grades 9-12, taught both at academic level and honors level. For IB candidates, the only Group 1 offering is Language A: Literature (English), taught at Higher Level.

The World Languages department offers instruction in one language. Since the middle schools in Lenoir County do not offer any world language courses, all students begin with the first level Spanish the high school level. Course offerings include Spanish I, II, and III Honors. For those IB Diploma candidates, only one option is available, Spanish. For those students who have already completed either Spanish I-III Honors Kinston High School offers Language B Spanish taught at standard level. For those students who have completed no prior world language coursework, or one world language course, Kinston High School offers Spanish ab initio.T

LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL)

All students who are English Language Learners at Kinston High School have special instruction, taught by the ELL specialist, in addition to their regular classwork. They are given a series of tests throughout the year to gauge their progress in their English language development. Teachers of ELL students are required to demonstrate, in their lesson plans, how instruction is differentiated to meet the special needs of these ELL students. Such documentation is collected each year as part of the ELL process.