



**TRINITY
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL**

**IB MYP Language Policy
2020-21**

Philosophy

Since language is the key to all learning, all teachers at Trinity Catholic School are language teachers. Language is the connective element across all classes, cultures, and customs. We aim to develop effective, global communicators through an in-depth study of English as the primary language, as well as instruction in additional languages.

Students use language as the vehicle to explore course content through the six IB Global Contexts, and to make connections that lead to becoming life-long learners who exhibit and grow in the ten Learner Profile traits.

In all subjects, students “consume” information through reading textbooks and instructional materials, write responses to inquiry in that field, and participate in dialogue in that subject. In each subject area, teachers require students to use English at the highest level of their proficiency.

Support for English Language Learners

All new students complete a Family Language Survey (FLS). Based upon the results of the survey, we will make the family aware of community programs that can support continued development of their child’s mother tongue. Preservation of a student’s native language and culture is respected in order to support the student’s family relationships, community relationships and to promote diversity in our program, providing our school community with a richer global awareness.

New students are incorporated into the second language program through immersion, differentiation, and independent study. All teachers have web pages that provide access to notes, powerpoints, and useful study tools such as links to relevant websites and videos. These resources may be used to reinforce lessons at home as students gain proficiency in English. We encourage families to utilize tutors to work with the students during school hours.

Second Language Acquisition

Currently, Trinity Catholic School offers instruction in Spanish at the Kindergarten through 4th grades. In 5th grade, students will continue their study of a second language with one semester of Spanish instruction and one semester of Latin instruction. Once in 6th grade, students choose either Spanish or Latin instruction for the duration of the MYP. Year 3/8th grade students have the opportunity to earn high school credit for Spanish I or Latin I.

