

Explore the Globe Through World Languages and Culture

Your Kent Gardens' PTA, in conjunction with Fairfax County Public Schools Adult and Community Education, is planning to offer a Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) program.

As a student in the FLEX language program, your child will receive an introduction to the target language and culture. Utilizing their senses, the students will learn through dialogues, commands, pictures, stories, songs, games and foods of the target country. Due to the time limitations and the nature of the program, please do not expect fluency. Students will not receive grades. Instructors will send home a progress report at the end of the course.

In the beginning curriculum (initial year and second year), a typical course will include the following topics:

- Introductory social dialogue
- Colors, numbers
- Animals
- Foods
- Parts of the body
- Classroom objects
- Weather/climate, seasons, calendar
- Family
- Clothing
- Basic national culture: map location, flag, landmarks, songs, art, holiday customs

The goal of the advanced or third year curriculum is to expand upon these basic vocabulary patterns through the introduction of reading, writing and grammar exercises. Students who have completed two years of the FLEX beginning program (30 hours minimum) are eligible for the advanced or third year curriculum.

Instructors are employed by Fairfax County Public Schools Adult and Community Education. Instructors utilize the FLEX curriculum guide and program teaching materials. They are required to attend an orientation session, and additional training is provided annually.

Parents must provide before- or after-school transportation arrangements. Students are not permitted to walk home from an after-school program. *Students must be picked up promptly at the end of an afternoon class. Repeated situations where a child is not picked up on time will result in the child being withdrawn from the program.* **There is no one to supervise the children before a morning class (before school) or after an afternoon class.** Children's safety is our concern.

FLEX is committed to non-discrimination in its program, services, and activities. For special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, contact the FLEX program office at 703.658.1291 at least two weeks in advance of the registration deadline. FLEX staff will make every attempt to provide reasonable accommodations; however, failure to request an accommodation within the specified timeframe may limit the ability to fulfill this request.

Classes will be confirmed if a minimum of 8 children are enrolled. The PTA representative will send a confirmation with the start date, location and time of each class for those enrolling with paper registration. Online registrations are confirmed online and other class details (except room location) are available by clicking the online emergency form link <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OACE/flex.htm> and reading page 2.