World Languages: Why Learn Latin?



Learning Latin can have both short- and long-term benefits through the introduction and acquisition of a new language and culture.

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"Carpe diem" - Seize the day. "Semper fidelis" - Ever faithful (Marine Corps)

- Latin helps maximize SAT verbal scores. Through Latin, test takers can guess the meanings of new words because they already know the roots and prefixes. Students of Latin typically score the highest on tests of English vocabulary!
- An estimated 60% of English vocabulary is derived from Latin.
- 90–95% of French, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian and Spanish is derived from Latin.
- Latin has not died; it was reborn and renamed as English, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, and Romanian. Learning Latin is to begin a study of six languages at once!
- Latin allows us to learn about our past through studying an ancient culture.
- Studying Latin means students learn about fascinating mythological stories.
- Latin helps develop brain power by making us more observant, analytical, logical and organized.
- Latin prepares students for several important professions that are steeped in Latin or English words derived from Latin. These include law, medicine, science, music, theology, philosophy, art, and literature.

Which schools in Fulton County offer Latin?

High Schools

Cambridge HS, Chattahoochee HS, Johns Creek HS, Milton HS, North Springs Charter HS, Northview HS and Westlake HS

Middle Schools

Autrey Mill MS, Camp Creek MS, Sandy Springs Charter MS, Taylor Road MS, and Webb Bridge MS

Is Latin offered virtually?

Yes, Latin is offered via Fulton Virtual School.