

# World Languages: Why Learn Spanish?

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

## Why Learn Spanish?

- Learning Spanish will provide a better understanding of English.
- The Spanish-speaking population of the United States has grown exponentially; there are over 52 million Spanish speakers in the United States
- More than 500 million people worldwide speak Spanish.
- Students acquiring a high level of Spanish language proficiency may qualify to earn the Georgia Seal of Biliteracy

# Spanish in Business

• Spanish will help to improve hiring potential, particularly in customer service, medical/legal interpretation, retail and social work positions in the southern U.S.

## Spanish in the World

- Spanish will enhance travel experiences in many countries
- Spanish is the 4<sup>th</sup> most commonly spoken language in the world.
- Spanish is an official language on four continents.
- Spanish is the mother tongue of 21 countries.

#### Which schools in Fulton County offer Spanish?

All Middle Schools and High Schools offer Spanish

### Is Spanish offered virtually?

Yes, Spanish is offered in Fulton Virtual School (FVS), at Global Impact Academy, at Innovation Academy, and at the Fulton Academy of Virtual Excellence (FAVE).