




# Did you know ...



“Children who have studied a foreign language develop a sense of cultural pluralism (openness to and appreciation of other cultures).”

“Children studying a foreign language have improved self-concept and sense of achievement in school.”

A photograph of a teacher standing in front of a classroom. The teacher is wearing a blue shirt and is looking at a group of children who are sitting at their desks. The children are also looking towards the teacher.

“Children who have studied a foreign language in elementary school achieve expected gains and have even higher scores on standardized tests in reading, language arts, and mathematics than those who have not.”





“Children who have studied a foreign language show greater cognitive development in such areas as mental flexibility, creativity, divergent thinking, and higher-order thinking skills.”



“Elementary-school foreign language study has a favorable effect on subsequent foreign language study in high school and college.”

*Source: Lipton, G. 1998. Practical Handbook to Elementary Foreign Language Programs (FLES\*). Lincolnwood, IL: National Textbook Co.: 11.*

