



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

Why Learn French?

- One of the best reasons to learn French is to help you understand your own language.
- French is the largest donor of foreign words in English. Learning French will greatly increase the number of English words you know.
- French is spoken as the official language in more than 40 countries on five continents.
- French has approximately 80 million native speakers and 190 million secondary speakers.
- French is the second most commonly taught language, after English, in the world.
- French is the 3rd most frequently spoken non-English language in US homes and the second most commonly taught language in the United States (after Spanish).
- French is currently the number one most sought-after language by the Department of Defense.

French in Business

- France has the fifth largest economy in the world.
- France has over 3,000 French companies in the US and generates nearly 700,000 jobs.
- French is one of the official languages spoken by our largest trading partner (Canada).
- In the state of Georgia there are approximately 180 French companies. Some include: AL, Abaqus, Adisseo, Alcatel, Aventis, Bostik, Briot, Cermex, Ingenico, L'Occitane, Lacoste, Lafarge, Sephora.

French in the World

- French is the official working language in dozens of international organizations, including the United Nations, International Olympic Committee, and International Red Cross.
- French is the second most frequently used language on the internet.
- French is ranked the 2nd most influential language in the world.
- More tourists visit France than any other country in the world.

Which schools in Fulton County offer French?

- All Middle and High Schools in Fulton County offer French.
- Middle schools offer French as a High School Credit with successful completion of the 7th and 8th grade years.
- High Schools offer on-level and honors courses in French up to Advanced Placement French.
 - o Riverwood International Charter High School offers IB French SL and HL in lieu of AP French. Students may still request to take the AP exam.

Is French offered in Fulton County Virtual School?

- Yes. French Levels 1 and 2 are offered in FC Virtual School.