

Language Survey

The goal of my survey was to determine the views of some of the future educators of America on language learning and when they would view learning a foreign language critical. I figured this would be a good place to start especially since most language learning tends to occur at the high school level and it's a rarity when courses are offered before high school. For my short 10 question survey, I received 11 responses. The over whelming majority said that foreign language instruction should begin in elementary school, which I was not expecting. If a similar survey were to be offered to a larger population pool as well as parents and the results are the same, it will definitely be a good start to try and see if more language programs can be started at earlier levels.

The survey also interestingly showed that the majority view that college is far to late in life to be learning a language, which also coincides with the idea of a language learning critical period which says that after puberty it becomes increasingly difficult to become fluent and native like in a language. What is also surprising about the survey is that half of the respondents would be ok with having their children study abroad during K-12 education with the majority saying they would be ok with 1 semester and a few with a year or more. The results are promising and I think it would be interesting to see what the results would be if I widened the pool of people to take the survey. I did though exclude posting this survey on the social networks I'm a part of because then the results would be heavily skewed. The majority of my friends are multilingual, language instructors, people who have had language courses, or have heard me promote studying abroad. I believed that opening the survey to them would have resulted in responses that I would expect people with those backgrounds to respond with, all positive towards early language learning and having children study abroad.

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Response Summary

Total Started Survey: 11
Total Completed Survey: 11 (100%)

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1. When do you think foreign language education should begin?

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Elementary School	90.9%	10
Middle School	9.1%	1
High School	0.0%	0
	answered question	11
	skipped question	0

2. What language(s) do you think should be offered in K-12?

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	Response Count
	Show Responses 10
	answered question 10
	skipped question 1

3. When do you think it becomes more difficult to learn a language?

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Middle School	18.2%	2
High School	18.2%	2
College	72.7%	8
	answered question	11
	skipped question	0

4. Would you enroll a student in an emersion school where half the classes are taught in a foreign language?

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	90.9%	10

No	9.1%	1
		answered question 11
		skipped question 0

5. Would you attempt to learn the language your child is learning if it's not your native language(s) [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	100.0%	11
No	0.0%	0
		answered question 11
		skipped question 0

6. Would you support your child wanting to go study abroad during K-12? [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	50.0%	5
No	50.0%	5
		answered question 10
		skipped question 1

7. How long would you allow your child to study abroad during K-12 Education? (Not necessarily sequentially) [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

	Response Percent	Response Count
1 semester	66.7%	6
1 year	22.2%	2
2 years	11.1%	1
3 years	0.0%	0
4 years	11.1%	1
		answered question 9
		skipped question 2

8. How important do you think learning a foreign language is? [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

	Response Percent	Response Count
very important	72.7%	8
important	27.3%	3
neutral	0.0%	0
unimportant	0.0%	0

very unimportant	0.0%	0
it depends	0.0%	0
answered question		11
skipped question		0

9. Learning a foreign language early in life will make learning a third one or more easier later in life. [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

	Response Percent	Response Count
True	81.8%	9
False	18.2%	2
answered question		11
skipped question		0

10. Learning a foreign language requires translating short stories or paragraphs. [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

	Response Percent	Response Count
True	45.5%	5
False	54.5%	6
answered question		11
skipped question		0