

# Lower School Languages

## Course Descriptions

### 2025–26

#### Introduction:

These courses represent the totality of Lower School Language offerings at the Einstein School. Their inclusion does not mean they are offered every year; many are based on student interest and/or minimum enrollment in the class. Contact us if you have a question regarding the availability of particular classes.

#### **Introduction to American Sign Language**

*Prerequisite: None*

This course is an introduction to American Sign Language and the Deaf community. The class emphasizes expressive skills (signing) and receptive skills (understanding signing). Students will be guided in recognizing the interrelationships of language and will develop a cultural appreciation for the Deaf community.

#### **LS Japanese 1**

*Prerequisite: None*

This course gives students a fun, basic introduction to Japanese language and culture. Students will learn the basics of the language (pronunciation, basic politeness), Japanese pop culture (anime, J-pop, manga), and review cultural aspects that reflect Japanese history. Students will also play Japanese games.

#### **LS Japanese 2**

*Prerequisite: LS Japanese 1*

In this class, students gain broader and deeper insights into Japanese language, traditional arts, and pop culture. Students are introduced to hiragana and katakana and learn useful common phrases for everyday life and travel in Japan.

#### **Introduction to Spanish**

*Prerequisite: None*

Students will study basic grammar and vocabulary, cultural experiences, history, geography, and differences in the Spanish-speaking world. Students develop listening and speaking skills through reading and writing about texts, listening to audio activities, and practicing dialogue.