

Why Take Latin?

Latin is everywhere. In literature, history, sciences, and law, Latin is pervasive. Over 60% of English words come from Latin and Greek. Over 90% of Science and technology vocabulary has Latin and Greek roots.

Latin promotes critical thinking. Reading and writing Latin is a regular exercise in critical thinking and problem solving. This leads to better performance in other subjects.

Students who take Latin perform better in standardized tests. SAT scores are higher for Latin students over students who learn another language or students who elected to not learn any language.

Junior Classical League. This club provides an exciting outlet for students to share their love for Latin. Students learn more and compete in fun activities and contests with students across the state and nation.

Impressive on resumes. Admissions counselors have spoken. Latin is a bit of a rarity and has cachet. Latin is recognized as being rigorous and a sign of a serious student.

Latin is actually fun. Yes, there is reading and writing, but this is accompanied by vocabulary games, running dictations, translation scavenger hunts, mythology stories, art projects, and skits.

Sign Up for Latin now! Students who begin Latin in the 9th grade have more time for competition and JCL participation. They are also more likely to receive a nomination for Governor's Honors Program and to complete AP Latin. Plus, the more competitive colleges require three or four years of a foreign language for admission.

Opportunity for Travel. Latin students have the opportunity to go on teacher led trips to Italy and Greece.

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