

# CENTER FOR GLOBAL LANGUAGES



**LOCATION:**

Meade Middle School  
 1103 26th Street  
 Fort Meade, Maryland 20755  
 Anne Arundel County

**ENTERING GRADES:** 4 - 6

**TYPE:** Non-residential

**DATES:** July 10- 20  
 (Monday - Thursday Only - NO  
 Fridays) 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**TUITION:** \$300 for a two-week  
 non-residential program

- \*Breakfast and lunch PROVIDED daily
- \*Before and After Day Care AVAILABLE

The Maryland Summer Center for Global Languages offers gifted and talented students a challenging and exciting language experience and an opportunity to explore many aspects of cultures and civilizations far more ancient than those of the United States. The Center offers a rigorous, exciting, hands-on, engaging cultural experience in the context of creating cultural understanding and knowledge of language. Students may choose to study Chinese or Arabic. During the two weeks of the Center, students will learn where Chinese or Arabic are spoken and will use their chosen language to exchange greetings and personal information with others.

At the conclusion of the Center, students will have the opportunity to apply many

newly learned language skills as they showcase final projects. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to explore other parts of our world!



**Section #1: Arabic Studies**

The excitement and global importance of the Arabic language and culture come alive in this hands-on communicatively rich language experience. In light of an increasingly globalized world, we encourage language students to develop linguistic competencies in more than one world language. Developing communication skills in Arabic will challenge and encourage students to further develop intellectual and critical thinking skills. Since most or all of the students will have had little or no prior exposure to a second language, this experience with the Arabic language and culture will encourage students to explore interdisciplinary connections to the economic, political, and cultural situations of the world. Students will take part in virtual travel to geographic places of interest where Arabic is spoken. This will further enable students to learn about the economic, arts, and topography of various Arabic-speaking countries. Lessons will be enriched through visiting consultants focusing on authentic fine arts of the Arabic world.



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**Section #2: Chinese Studies**

Learn to speak Chinese. Greet friends and strangers, and talk about family in Chinese.

Students will throw away the calculator and master the use of an abacus, as they learn to count from 1 to 31 in Chinese. Enter the world of Chinese inventions. It was the Chinese military who were first to use kites. It was the invention of gunpowder by the Chinese that led to inventions such as rockets. Today's electronic navigation systems have their roots in the Chinese-invented compass. What about the Chinese calendar? Students will find out the year they were born according to the Chinese calendar. They will practice Chinese painting and calligraphy, play Chinese games, learn a Tai Chi routine, sing Chinese children's songs, and use chop-sticks with skill so that they can sample real Chinese food.



**French and Spanish**

French and Spanish are also available at this Center through the Anne Arundel County Public School System.

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