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**BAYAAN ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Elective Courses Outline



## READING SKILLS AND STRATEGIES

Reading Skills and Strategies is a course designed to help the struggling reader develop mastery in the areas of reading comprehension, vocabulary building, study skills, and media literacy, which are the course's primary content strands. Using these strands, the course guides the student through the skills necessary to be successful in the academic world and beyond. The reading comprehension strand focuses on introducing the student to the varied purposes of reading (e.g., for entertainment, for information, to complete a task, or to analyze). In the vocabulary strand, the student learns specific strategies for understanding and remembering new vocabulary. In the study skills strand, the student learns effective study and test-taking strategies. In the media literacy strand, the student learns to recognize and evaluate persuasive techniques, purposes, design choices, and effects of media. The course encourages personal enjoyment in reading with 10 interviews featuring the book choices and reading adventures of students and members of the community.

This course is built to state standards and informed by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) standards.

UNIT 1: INTRODUCTION TO READING STRATEGIES

UNIT 2: INTRODUCTION TO READING PROCESSES

UNIT 3: READING FOR ENTERTAINMENT: FICTION

UNIT 4: READING FOR INFORMATION: MAGAZINE ARTICLES

UNIT 5: READING FOR INFORMATION: NEWSPAPERS

UNIT 6: READING FOR INFORMATION: ESSAYS

UNIT 7: READING TO COMPLETE A TASK: SCHOOL TEXTS

UNIT 8: READING TO COMPLETE A TASK: FUNCTIONAL DOCUMENTS

UNIT 9: READING TO ANALYZE LITERATURE: POETRY

UNIT 10: READING TO ANALYZE LITERATURE: PROSE

**SPANISH I (1/2 Credit)**

Spanish I teaches students to greet people, describe family and friends, talk about hobbies, and communicate about other topics, such as home life, occupations, travel, and medicine. The material in this course is presented at a moderate pace. This course is built to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) standards.

- UNIT 1: ON THE ROAD TO LEARNING SPANISH
- UNIT 2: HOW YOU FEEL AND WHERE YOU ARE
- UNIT 3: COLORS, CLOTHING, CULTURE, AND THE CULINARY ARTS
- UNIT 4: SPANISH I EXAM-1
- UNIT 5: WORKING OUT, PLAYING HARD
- UNIT 6: DECIR, DEBER, AND THE BODY
- UNIT 7: SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH NEW EYES
- UNIT 8: SPANISH I EXAM-2

**SPANISH II (1/2 Credit)**

Building on Spanish I concepts, Spanish II students learn to communicate more confidently about themselves, as well as about topics beyond their own lives – both in formal and informal situations. Each lesson presents vocabulary, grammar, and culture in context, followed by explanations and exercises.

- UNIT 1: MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT
- UNIT 2: GETTING OUT AND STAYING IN
- UNIT 3: WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, AND WHY
- UNIT 4: SPANISH II SEMESTER 1 REVIEW AND EXAM
- UNIT 5: OH, THE PLACES YOU'VE BEEN
- UNIT 6: EAT, DRINK, AND BE ORDERED AROUND
- UNIT 7: UNIT VOCABULARY
- UNIT 8: SPANISH II EXAM

**FRENCH I (1/2 Credit)**

French I teaches students to greet people, describe family and friends, talk about hobbies, and communicate about other topics, such as sports, travel, and medicine. The material in this course is presented at a moderate pace. This course is built to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) standards.

- UNIT 1: WELCOME TO FRENCH I
- UNIT 2: YOU AND THE THINGS YOU DO
- UNIT 3: EATING AND SHOPPING
- UNIT 4: FRENCH EXAM-1
- UNIT 5: SOME OF THE FINER THINGS
- UNIT 6: TRAVELING AND TRANSPORTATION
- UNIT 7: THE REAL WORLD
- UNIT 8: FRENCH EXAM-2

**FRENCH II (1/2 Credit)**

French II teaches students to communicate more confidently about themselves, as well as about topics beyond their own lives – both in the formal and informal address. Each lesson presents vocabulary, grammar, and culture in context, followed by explanations and exercises. The material in this course is presented at a moderate pace. This course is built to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) standards.

- UNIT 1: POPULAR AND FINE CULTURE
- UNIT 2: THE PLACE WHERE WE BELONG
- UNIT 3: HOME AND FAMILY
- UNIT 4: LA VIE QUOTIDIENNE EN FRANCE
- UNIT 5: PARTIES, FOOD, TRAVEL, AND BUSINESS
- UNIT 6: FRENCH II REVIEW AND EXAM