

SECOND LANGUAGE COURSE CHALLENGE

Date _____

Dear Parents/Guardians

This letter is to inform you that your son/daughter _____ has requested to participate in the formal assessment process to challenge the following second language course:

- Italian Language and Culture 30
- Polish Language and Culture 35
- Spanish Language and Culture 30
- French as a Second Language 30 9-Y
- Filipino Language and Culture 35

Your son/daughter will have to complete the following steps to successfully challenge the course:

1. Your child's school will inform him/her about an official time, date and location of the oral and written exam component, which is typically held outside of regular school hours.
2. The school will give your child a description of a project your child must complete as part of the course challenge. The project must be completed in the target language and submitted by a due date.
3. Second language course challenge examiner will contact your child before the oral and written exam date by email or phone call.

Please be aware that the project must be submitted to the school office prior to the written exam date, or your son/daughter will not be allowed to write the exam.

A second language course challenge is successful when a student:

- a. achieves a mark of 50% or higher on his/her work on a project that will demonstrate his/her level of proficiency
- b. achieves a mark of 50% or higher on exam that test his/her listening comprehension, reading comprehension, and written proficiency at a given grade level
- c. achieves a mark of 50% or higher on his/her oral exam

Students challenging the exams will need to be removed from the course at their home school. This is not optional; the student must choose one or the other.

In order to confirm your son/daughter's eligibility, this signed letter must be returned to the school office.

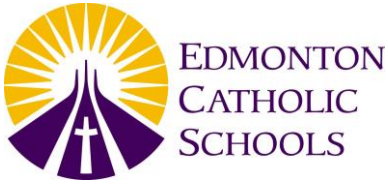
I, _____ have read and understand the above information and I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in this second language course challenge.

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Procedure for Students

1. If you wish to challenge a second language course you must initiate an official request by completing a Course Challenge Request form and submitting it to the Second Languages Department Head, Language Coordinator or a teacher responsible for second languages at your school. You must not challenge the same course more than once.
2. Your school will inform you about the steps in the course challenge process, the project, important deadlines, and the time, date and location of the oral and written portion of the course challenge, which is typically held outside of regular school hours. A letter informing your parents/guardians about your intent must be signed by them and returned to the person responsible for second language course challenge at your school.
3. One of the components of the course challenge is a project written **in target language** that must be submitted to the Second Languages Department Head, Language Coordinator or a teacher responsible for second languages at your school **prior to the written exam date**. You will receive the information about the project from your school.
4. A language teacher/examiner will contact you before the written exam either by email or phone call to remind you about the important dates and to tell you to bring to the written exam.
5. Students challenging the exams will need to be removed from the course at their home school. This is not optional; the student must choose one or the other.



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Last Name _____ First Name _____ Home ph.# _____

Cell ph. # _____ E-mail _____

Alberta Student ID # _____ Grade _____ School _____

I wish to challenge the following second language course:

- Italian Language and Culture 30 3-Y
- Polish Language and Culture 35 3-Y
- Spanish Language and Culture 30 3-Y
- Filipino Language and Culture 35 3-Y
- French as a Second Language 30 9-Y

Please be aware that this course challenge process includes 3 steps:

- project
- oral exam
- written exam

I believe I have acquired the knowledge, skills and attitudes to challenge this course for the following reason:

Date _____

(Office use only)

Date received _____

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