

7th Grade Expository: Second Language Learning

Task Prompt: Write an argumentative essay in which you establish an argumentative claim for or against the inclusion of second language instruction in local elementary schools. Make sure to address potential counterarguments in your essay and support your claim with information from the sources you have examined.

Offer

I am writing to you to give some input about the foreign language discussion recently taking place in Pinesville about what classes should and should not be added. Personally, i think foreign language should be a class that's offered, not required. Here are some of my reasoning behind it.

First off, if you are going to start teaching a language, younger is a better age to teach. The kids are more open and curious to the language compared to other listed ages. Some time after adolescence, accents become harder to learn. If the correct accent doesn't come out good, then the pronunciation doesn't come out clearly. Also as they get older, They pick up more responsibilities through home, school, and jobs. There's my first idea about it.

My second is that the jobs out there are getting more and more involved with other countries. What good is it going to do if you can't communicate? None whatsoever. Going by those standards, it'd probably be best if they offer a language or two throughout school. Note that I said "offer" not "force." That points me to my next destination.

If you are going to have a foreign language class, don't force kids to take it. If they are forced to take something they are uninterested in, it can lead to bad grades. With bad grades comes upset parents who just add on to all the stress. Like I mentioned earlier, the older we get the more responsibilities we get. We don't need any more pressure than what handed to us with the responsibilities. And that's one of my many reasoning behind offering a foreign language class.

So I hope my little letter here has given you enough information to think about the idea. Thanks again for reading!