

Unlock Your Future: Why Every Student Should Learn a New Language

Do you want to know about something really exciting that is happening in schools right now, helping students improve their worldview, time management, and even cognitive abilities and grades? If you want to be that student, then you should learn a new language! My name is **Sylvia**, and I will be talking about why students should learn a new language. Listen carefully to my speech, and by the end of it, I'm confident that I'll have you convinced that you should learn a new language. I believe that learning a new language can open up many new job opportunities for top students, helping the best of the best become role models for others to do the same. First, I'll tell you why students don't currently learn a new language. Next, I'll tell you the benefits of learning a new language. Then, I'll tell you how students learning a new language can help with their futures. Finally, I'll tell you what you can do to make a change.

Currently, many students don't learn a second language because it isn't required, and many students who struggle think that it will only add to their workload. Many students perceive learning a new language as really difficult, which stops them from doing it. According to the University of Texas, many students reject learning a new language because of the sky high difficulty levels. Because of this, learning a new language is often perceived as a difficult yet pointless task, forcing many students to take the path of avoiding that language. You may feel that way when you first try a new language, but continue remembering that the benefits far outweigh the hardships. For example, take time management, as adding a task to the schedule now will greatly improve your time management skills later on in life. Or cognitive abilities, which will improve your grades in all aspects. If you're still not convinced, one more long term benefit is the prevention of Alzheimers. The more you learn, the stronger those connections will be, decreasing the chance of dementia.

My first point is communication. The reason many companies value bilingual workers is because of their ability to communicate with trade partners around the world. Without the language barrier, we would be able to communicate and trade more effectively with companies of other countries. For this reason, students learning a second language will help the country improve their economy and provide a better life for those living in the country. According to Saint Augustine college, a company's performance is dictated by its ability to communicate with other companies. Usually, if a company can strike deals with other companies in other countries, it means that the company can get a better deal and make more money. This is very good for the economy if all companies perform well. However, you might say that business is a race, someone has to lose! Well, yes and no. Smaller companies may be outmatched by bigger companies, but hiring bilingual workers greatly improves each company's chance of success.

Now, I will move on to my second point. As stated earlier, hiring bilingual employees improves a company's chance for success. So, obviously, every company will fight to hire bilingual workers! This creates a problem. Not that many people are bilingual. In order to solve this problem, students should learn a language, then get themselves hired. The more people that are bilingual, the more that will be hired, so less people will be jobless. According to Saint Augustine college, bilingual individuals have a 35% higher chance of getting a fair paying job, and bilingual jobs pay 20% more.

More well paying jobs can lead to less jobless people, which is good for everyone. My third point is increased cognitive ability. When students learn a new language, it challenges them, making their neural connections stronger. You can think of this as their brain getting bigger. They can improve their academic scores and achievements, as well as boosting focus and productivity. According to Kendal on Hudson, learning a new language makes you smarter, more flexible, and better at solving problems and persevering. After all, learning a new language isn't easy. You will also have a longer attention span, and be able to successfully switch tasks more often. These skills can ultimately make you a smarter person, better colleague, and eventually, an influential leader. Since we are short on leaders right now, this will create immense success for the next generation.

Now, if you're STILL not convinced, and you are thinking, "Why should I learn a new language?" This is the reason you should: it will greatly benefit you. In fact, for each and every one of you, it is not too late, and you yourself can start learning a new language and helping others do the same. What easy things can you do? For starters, here are three easy things you can do: First, learn a new language! Whether it's that long-forgotten French course you've enrolled in, or your grandmother pestering you to learn your family's language, this is the first step to making a change for you and others. Second, spread the word! Encourage others to do the same. Start by convincing your family members, and you can eventually go to posting signs on your school bulletin board. If you are experienced in multiple languages, you can also teach your talent to other people. Third, if even this is not enough for you, then speak out, like me! When you go home, write a speech, and tell other people about how amazing it is to learn a new language. With your help, we can make the world a better place. Thank you