



# Going Global in Grade School: Benefits of Foreign Language Learning for Elementary-Aged Youth

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## Types of Programs:

- **FLES:** Foreign Language in Elementary School
- **FLEX:** Foreign Language Exploratory
- **Immersion**

## Benefits:

- ✓ Creates globally minded citizens
- ✓ Promotes acceptance
- ✓ Teaches life skills
- ✓ Fosters growth for teachers and students

## Challenges:

- Politics
- Resources
- Parental concerns

## Why Does This Matter?

- Timing is everything
- Fulfilling a demonstrated need in communities
- National data results

## Conclusion:

Foreign language education is a vital tool for student success and should be incorporated into all elementary schools' curriculum.