

Italian Programs in Wisconsin K-12 Schools

School	K-12	Student Enrollment	Sections
Victory K-8 for the Gifted and Talented, Milwaukee (2006)	<u>K4, K5, 1st grade Italian Immersion</u>	70	3
Spring Harbor, Madison (1998)	<u>Middle School</u> ❖ 6 th grade exploratory	80	4
Wright Middle School (2005) Madison (semester long program)	❖ 7 th grade & 8 th gr.	25	2
*St. Joseph Interparish Junior High School (new program this year)	❖ 6 th grade	68	4
	❖ 7 th grade	21	1
		<u>Total Middle School Enrollment: 194</u>	
Tremper, Kenosha (2003)	<u>High School</u> Italian 101/102, Italian 201/202, Italian 301/302, AP Exam = 2	160	6
Bradford, (2003) Kenosha	Italian 101/102, Italian 201/202; AP Exam = 1	242	8
*Saint Joseph High School Kenosha, (new program this year)	Italian I	44	3
Trinity Academy High School, Pewaukee (2003)	Italian 1, Italian II, Italian III, AP Italian, AP Exam = 2	30 (out of the total school HS enrollment of 43)	3
Rufus King, Milwaukee (2001)	Italian I, Italian II, International Baccalaureate Italian 1	20	3
*Preble High School, Green Bay (new program this year; initially expected only 2 sections)	Italian I	78	4
		<u>Total H.S. Enrollment= 574</u>	<u>Total sections= 41</u>
[La Follette High School, Madison= program suspended for 2008-09]	[Italian I, Italian II, Italian III as of 2007-08]	[80]	[3]

After School Programs

- Madison: Shorewood Elementary = 8
- Italian Workmen's Club = 7
- Milwaukee: Italian Cultural Center = 20
- Kenosha: Somers Elementary School = 30
- Kenosha: (new)*Bullen Middle School =15

Italian Programs in Wisconsin K-12 Schools as of 2/4/09

- **Enrollments** (see chart on previous page)
- **Teaching Certification:** Need for certified teachers to respond to programs' growth.

Italian Education Major offered at:

- ❖ U.W. Madison
- ❖ U.W. Milwaukee
- ❖ **Alternative Programs for Licensure, Distance Learning (U.W. Platteville, St. Mary College, Minnesota)**

**** 4/9 Italian Teachers are currently seeking certification**

➤ **AP Italian**

The 2010 administration of the AP Italian Exam has been cancelled due to the lack of funds the College Board required to continue the program. The College Board has announced that while AP Italian will not be offered in 2009-10, if at some future date the funding partnerships needed to support an AP Italian program arise, the Board of Trustees will consider renewing work to develop and offer the AP Italian course and exam.

The Italian Language Foundation (<http://www.Italianlanguagefoundation.org>), a non-profit organization, established by Margaret Cuomo in July 2008, began to raise, in late summer, \$1.5 million, the funds the College Board required for 2010, but was able to raise over \$650,000 in funds and contingent commitments since July.

FACTS:

AP Italian was for the first time offered in the 2005-06 school year. During the 2007-08 school year, there was a growth of 23% students taking AP Italian, and over 70% of students taking AP Italian did take the test, the largest percentage among other AP language programs. Also, about 700 students have taken Italian Immersion programs at Concordia Language Village since Italian was added to the program about 5 years ago. These figures are rather encouraging considering the relatively newness of both programs. With a substantial increase in enrollment of students taking the AP Italian Exam, that financial requirement would be reduced accordingly in future years. The Italian Language Foundation is committed to continue its efforts and fundraising efforts in the hopes of meeting the financial goals presented by the College Board.

*NOTE: 5 students in Wisconsin high schools took the AP Italian Exam in May 2009 (2 students are enrolled in an AP Italian class; the other 3 students are receiving tutoring).