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** In grade 7, students choose between French or Russian to fulfill foreign language requirements (in addition to English.)
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