



## CUSTOMER STORY | K-12

# Lighthouse Christian School empowers students through self-directed learning with Mango Languages

## SUMMARY

### Strengthening world-language curricula



**Lighthouse Christian School (LCS)** used Mango Classroom by Mango Languages to strengthen their world language curricula and increase the number of languages offered to a diverse student body. In doing so, LCS students were able to navigate self-directed learning pathways in the classroom **as well as engage in family-wide learning at home.**

## CHALLENGE

### Develop student core language skills through self-directed, blended learning

Lighthouse Christian School needed an online language-learning solution for their middle schoolers that would develop core language skills and speaking confidence. As a proponent of world language learning and cultural enrichment since its founding in 1994, the school sought a program that would not only engage students in the classroom, but would also engage their at-home learning support. With a World Languages class dedicated to expanding students' linguistic horizons, a language-learning solution with a diverse array of language courses and a reliable, personalized learning path was a must.

## MANGO PARTNER SINCE 2015

**Lighthouse Christian School (LCS)** is a private K-8 school located in Gig Harbor, Washington, and serves families throughout Pierce and Kitsap Counties. With a rigorous academic program, LCS prepares a diverse student body to not only excel in high school, but to become well-rounded citizens of both their local communities and the increasingly globalized world.

[lcschool.org](http://lcschool.org)

**"The encouragement that Mango provides facilitates more learning. It reinforces what they've learned and opens them up to a lot of new vocab. They're learning in a whole new way with Mango."**



**Iliana Nicholas**  
LCS Spanish Teacher

**التعلم مع مانجو هو فرصة مثيرة**  
**Learning with Mango is an exciting opportunity!"**

— **Amaris**, LCS student

**"I like that I can learn Spanish with Mango anywhere I go, on any mobile device. Sometimes I practice in the car going to sports practice or on the days when we don't have school to catch up or get ahead on my lessons."**

— **Carson**, LCS student

## SOLUTION & IMPLEMENTATION

After reviewing the most popular online language-learning solutions on the market, LCS chose to partner with Mango Languages in 2015 in order to:

- Provide a wider range of language options for students
- Extend learning beyond the classroom
- Deliver standardized lessons through a variety of learning modalities
- Enable at-home support, family learning, and heritage language acquisition

Iliana Nicholas, the Spanish teacher at LCS, implemented the Mango Classroom program into her World Languages class for grades six through eight. Mrs. Nicholas allows students to choose which language they will independently study and facilitates class twice a week. The first 45-minute class of the week is spent learning with Mango, while the second class includes additional Mango study time and a culture/geography lesson related to a specific language or country.

Mrs. Nicholas credits Mango's successful implementation at LCS to its intuitive design and engaging lessons.

**“The principal had me look into different language programs before we chose Mango. I just found that Mango was more user friendly than some of the other programs I had looked at. I set goals for them and they meet those goals.”**

— Iliana Nicholas

## SUCCESS

The implementation of Mango Classroom generated benefits for students, their families, and the school. This student-centered, blended approach:

- Increased student engagement and speaking confidence
- Supported students' unique learning needs through self-paced, personalized learning pathways
- Advanced high school readiness through the completion of language program requirements
- Created deeper connections to family and culture for heritage learners and LCS families



**MANGO**

On a mission to inspire curious people to forge deeper connections and meaningful interactions, Mango is the only award-winning, adaptive language-learning system powered by proven methodologies and presents language-specific learning content designed to establish retention and rapidly build conversation skills. To learn more about how Mango prepares students and communities to start the conversation, visit [mangolanguages.com](http://mangolanguages.com).

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**“Students like being able to review as many times as they want. The students pace themselves, so if a student falls behind, they do Mango at home to catch up.”**

— Iliana Nicholas

By empowering students with the latest in education technology, LCS has given their learners the means to reach speaking confidence in a new language while investing in their own education and future.



## EVOLUTION: COMMUNITY-WIDE USAGE

LCS enrolls students from a diverse variety of backgrounds. Valuing home and community support, the administration promotes the Mango program to all students, staff, and their families. Many in the LCS community took advantage of Mango's Family Profiles to learn a language together, including heritage learners of Spanish, Korean, Hindi, Japanese, and more.



**“We use Mango to learn our native language [Malayalam]. The children are trying to have conversations with their grandparents in our native language. My parents are very excited to know that their grandchildren are learning our language.”**

— Anna, mother of an LCS student

## CONCLUSION

### School-wide benefits for students and faculty

With innovative academic institutions like Lighthouse Christian School integrating an adaptive, engaging, and effective blended language solution into their classrooms, students are able to cultivate the confidence and core language skills they need to make meaningful connections in a new language. ■