

**Results of Survey on the Status of French
AATF – Chicago/Northern Illinois Chapter
June – September 2007
21 responses**

Threats to French Programs: Other languages, especially Chinese and Latin
Enrollment in French restricted and/or decrease in French enrollment
Classes cut
French is not taught in feeder schools.

Are French contacts available? 11 yes, 2 no, others no reply

What do you do to promote French?

Students and/or French Club does community service
Students and/or French Club raise money for charity
Send articles to local papers
Distribute brochures showing success in French study
Participate in National French Contest
Prepare activities for National French Week
Invite students to membership in French Honor Society
Hold film festivals
Take trips to France/Quebec

Comment: Those who responded to the survey were particularly enthusiastic about the National French Contest and National French Week as really good publicity activities for their students.

Needs

Help encouraging two years of FL in high school for graduation.

Lacking

Cultural enrichment field trips
Names of French associations
Names of French speakers and topics
Cultural differences
Music
Art
Dance
Cuisine
List of books and films used successfully
DVD for advocacy

Scholarships for students to attend “language camps” or “language immersion”

Free posters to promote study of French

Comment: Much of this material is available if one knows where to look or if one has time to prepare. Suggestions include checking the fall 2006 *Francofeuilles* for a listing of films for classroom use. The winter AATF meeting also has a choice of programs promoting culture. The forthcoming AATF/French Embassy publicity campaign will help with many of these needs. Check www.TheWorldSpeaksFrench.org
Check the AATF Chicago/Northern Illinois website for more information and more suggestions.