



Seal of Multilingual Proficiency: 5 C's

Communication: is at the heart of second language study, whether the communication takes place face-to-face, in writing, or across centuries through the reading of literature.

- Students engage in conversations, provide and obtain information, express feelings and emotions, and exchange opinions.
- Students understand and interpret written and spoken language on a variety of topics
- Students present information, concepts, and ideas to an audience of listeners or readers on a variety of topics.

Connections: Learning languages provides connections to additional bodies of knowledge that may be unavailable to the monolingual English speaker.

- Students reinforce and further their knowledge of their disciplines through the foreign language.
- Students acquire information and recognize the distinctive viewpoints that are only available through the foreign language and its cultures.

Communities: Together, these elements enable the student of languages to participate in multilingual communities at home and around the world in a variety of contexts and in culturally appropriate ways.

- Students use the language both within and beyond the school setting.
- Students show evidence of becoming lifelong learners by using the language for personal enjoyment and enrichment.

Cultures & Written Communication: Through the study of other languages, students gain a knowledge and understanding of the cultures that use that language and, in fact, cannot truly master the language until they have also mastered the cultural contexts in which the language occurs.

- Students present information, concepts, and ideas to an audience of listeners or readers on a variety of topics. Students demonstrate understanding of authentic patterns of communication.
- Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the products and perspectives of the culture studied.

Comparisons: Through comparisons and contrasts with the language being studied, students develop insight into the nature of language and the concept of culture and realize that there are multiple ways of viewing the world.

- Students demonstrate understanding of the nature of language through comparisons of the language studied and their own.
- Students demonstrate understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of the cultures studied and their own.