

# Grades K-12

Adopted 2006

**A student should be able to communicate in two or more languages, one of which is English.**

**A student who meets the content standard should:**

- 1) understand written and oral communication in two or more languages;
  - 2) write and speak understandably in two or more languages;
  - 3) use two or more languages effectively in real life situations; and
  - 4) use two or more languages to learn new information in academic subjects.
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**A student should expand the student's knowledge of peoples and cultures through language study.**

**A student who meets the content standard should:**

- 1) understand the relationship between language and culture;
  - 2) learn about and experience surface characteristics of the culture, including art, cuisine, dance, dress, geography, history, music, and literature;
  - 3) learn about and experience deep characteristics of the culture, including folkways, mores, laws, traditions, customs, and patterns of behavior;
  - 4) improve the student's understanding of the student's language and culture through experiences with other languages and cultures;
  - 5) apply knowledge of the functions and structure of one language to the study of another language; and
  - 6) recognize through language study that all cultures contribute to the global society.
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**A student should possess the language skills and cultural knowledge necessary to participate successfully in multilingual communities and the international marketplace.**

**A student who meets the content standard should:**

- 1) interact appropriately in multilingual communities through various means, including printed and electronic media, audio and visual sources, face-to-face conversations, penpals, and travel;
- 2) use experiences with language and culture to explore the student's personal interests and career options;
- 3) learn how language skills and cultural knowledge enhance a person's competitiveness in the international marketplace; and
- 4) apply language skills and cultural knowledge to enhance the student's intellectual and social growth and to promote lifelong learning.