

**Student Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the United States**  
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## **Standards for Foreign Language Learning**

### **COMMUNICATION** **Communicate in Languages Other Than English**

**Standard 1.1:** Students engage in conversations, provide and obtain information, express feelings and emotions, and exchange opinions

**Standard 1.2:** Students understand and interpret written and spoken language on a variety of topics

**Standard 1.3:** Students present information, concepts, and ideas to an audience of listeners or readers on a variety of topics.

### **CULTURES** **Gain Knowledge and Understanding of Other Cultures**

**Standard 2.1:** Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the practices and perspectives of the culture studied

**Standard 2.2:** Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the products and perspectives of the culture studied.

### **CONNECTIONS** **Connect with Other Disciplines and Acquire Information**

**Standard 3.1:** Students reinforce and further their knowledge of other disciplines through the foreign language

**Standard 3.2:** Students acquire information and recognize the distinctive viewpoints that are only available through the foreign language and its cultures

### **COMPARISONS** **Develop Insight into the Nature of Language and Culture**

**Standard 4.1:** Students demonstrate understanding of the nature of language through comparisons of the language studied and their own

**Standard 4.2:** Students demonstrate understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of the cultures studied and their own.

### **COMMUNITIES** **Participate in Multilingual Communities at Home & Around the World**

**Standard 5.1:** Students use the language both within and beyond the school setting

**Standard 5.2:** Students show evidence of becoming life-long learners by using the language for personal enjoyment and enrichment.

