

SAU 50
World Languages
Grades K - 4
Novice Beginning Level
Cultures

The Novice Level “reflects the beginning stages of language learning,” and is divided into beginning, middle, and high ranges.

(ACTFL 21st century World Languages Skills Map 2011, p. 6)

“Cultures: ...students learn to understand the culture of the people who speak the target language through learning about the products and practices of the culture and how those relate to the perspectives of the people of the culture.”

(ACTFL 21st century World Languages Skills Map 2011, p. 2)

SAU 50 District Competency:

Students will independently use their learning to make connections and comparisons to the cultures outside of their own that will lead to awareness, appreciation, and acceptance.

Essential Questions

- How is my daily life the same or different than someone in another culture?

Acquisition

Students will demonstrate the following to meet the standards.

- I can demonstrate and use appropriate gestures and expressions.
- I can participate in age-appropriate cultural activities.
- I can identify and recognize products of the culture.

Standards

National World-Readiness Standards for Learning Languages

Key to Standard Notation:

Cultures: (the goal area) **2** (the domain) **.1** (the number of the standard in that domain)

Cultures: Interact with cultural competence and understanding.

2.1: Learners develop an understanding of the relationship between the practices and perspectives of the different cultures.

2.2: Learners demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the products and perspectives of the different cultures.

Comparisons: Develop insight into the nature of language and culture in order to interact with cultural competence.

4.2: Learners use the language to investigate, explain, and reflect on the concept of culture through comparisons of the cultures studied and their own.

(The National Standards Collaborative Board, 2015)

[World-Readiness Standards for Learning Language document](#)

References:

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