

Maine Learning Results for World Languages													
Introduction													
<p>The MLRs are broken down into Performance Expectations. Grade levels from K-5 have distinct Performance Expectations, while in grades 6-8 and grades 9-diploma Performance Expectations are consolidated. The Performance Expectations define skills and establish measurable articulations of what the student understands and can do. Sample performance indicators define student progress in Communication.</p> <p>Today's world language learners need to know how to communicate effectively in order to thrive in an ever-changing and challenging global society. The communication standards for World Languages are broken down into three modes of communication: interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational. Interpersonal communication encompasses spontaneous spoken, signed, or written conversations in which learners interact and negotiate meaning. With interpretive communication, learners listen, read, or view resources in order to understand, interpret, and analyze information. It should be noted that ACTFL guidelines are designed with the assumption that resources are authentic, which accounts for a lower performance expectation than with teacher-created materials. In the presentational mode of communication, learners share information, concepts, and ideas to an audience of listeners, readers, or viewers.</p>													
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Intermediate Low	<p>I can understand the topic and some pieces of information on familiar topics from sentences within texts that are spoken, written, or signed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can identify the topic and related information from simple sentences in short informational texts. I can identify the topic and related information from simple sentences in short fictional texts. I can identify the main idea in short conversations. 	<p>Intermediate High</p> <p>I can understand the main idea and some pieces of information on familiar topics from sentences and series of connected sentences within texts that are spoken, written, or signed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can understand the main idea and key information in short straightforward informational texts. I can understand the main idea and key information in short straightforward fictional texts. I can identify the main idea and key information in short straightforward conversations. 	<p>I can usually follow the main message and most pieces of information on familiar topics from sentences and series of connected sentences in various time frames within texts that are spoken, written, or signed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can usually follow the main message in various time frames in straightforward, and sometimes descriptive, paragraph length informational texts. I can usually follow the main story and actions expressed in various time frames in paragraph-length fictional texts. I can usually understand the main idea and flow of events expressed in various time frames in conversations and discussions. 	<p>Advanced Low</p> <p>I can understand the main message and some supporting details on familiar and general interest topics across major time frames from complex, organized texts that are spoken, written, or signed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can identify the underlying message and some supporting details across major time frames in descriptive informational texts. I can follow the main story and some supporting detail across major time frames in fictional texts. I can understand the main message and some supporting details across major time frames in conversations and discussions. 	
Intermediate Mid	<p>I can understand the main idea and some pieces of information on familiar topics from sentences within texts that are spoken, written, or signed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can understand the main idea and key information in short straightforward informational texts. I can understand the main idea and key information in short straightforward fictional texts. I can identify the main idea and key information in short straightforward conversations. 	<p>Intermediate High</p> <p>I can usually follow the main message and most pieces of information on familiar topics from sentences and series of connected sentences within texts that are spoken, written, or signed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can usually follow the main message in various time frames in straightforward, and sometimes descriptive, paragraph length informational texts. I can usually follow the main story and actions expressed in various time frames in paragraph-length fictional texts. I can usually understand the main idea and flow of events expressed in various time frames in conversations and discussions. 	<p>I can usually follow the main message and most pieces of information on familiar topics from sentences and series of connected sentences in various time frames within texts that are spoken, written, or signed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can usually follow the main message in various time frames in straightforward, and sometimes descriptive, paragraph length informational texts. I can usually follow the main story and actions expressed in various time frames in paragraph-length fictional texts. I can usually understand the main idea and flow of events expressed in various time frames in conversations and discussions. 	<p>Advanced Low</p> <p>I can understand the main message and some supporting details on familiar and general interest topics across major time frames from complex, organized texts that are spoken, written, or signed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can identify the underlying message and some supporting details across major time frames in descriptive informational texts. I can follow the main story and some supporting detail across major time frames in fictional texts. I can understand the main message and some supporting details across major time frames in conversations and discussions. 	
6-8 - Intermediate Low/Intermediate Mid	<p>I can communicate</p>	<p>9-diploma - Intermediate Mid</p> <p>I can communicate information, make</p>	<p>Intermediate High</p> <p>I can communicate information, make</p>	<p>Advanced Low</p> <p>I can deliver presentations on</p>	Cultures

<p>Culture, the products, practices, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or social group, is intricately woven throughout the world's languages. Using a target language to explore one's own culture and the cultures that the target language embodies is an experience that creates learners who are aware of and engage with a variety of different perspectives in local and global society, and who are, ultimately, responsible and involved citizens of Maine and the world. Through interacting with global cultures in the World Language classroom, virtually and in various settings and communities, using the target language exclusively or almost exclusively, with appropriate linguistic scaffolding, and by identifying, comparing, investigating and reflecting on cultural products (e.g., arts, tools, media) and practices (e.g., customs, laws, family rituals), learners will be equipped to interact with others with competence and understanding.</p>			
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<p>Learners use the language to investigate, explain, and reflect on the relationship between the practices and perspectives of the cultures studied.</p>			<p>Learners use the language to investigate, explain, and reflect on the relationship between the products and perspectives of the cultures studied.</p>
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Performance Expectations		Childhood	Adolescence
K - Novice Low	1 - Novice Low	2 - Novice Mid	9-diploma - Intermediate High/Advanced Low
In my own and other cultures, I can identify practices to help me understand perspectives.	In my own and other cultures, I can identify typical practices related to familiar everyday life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In my own and other cultures, I can identify typical practices related to familiar everyday life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In my own and other cultures, I can identify typical practices related to familiar everyday life.
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Early Adolescence	6-8 - Intermediate Low/Intermediate Mid		
In my own and other cultures, I can make comparisons among cultural practices to help me understand perspectives.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In my own and other cultures, I can engage in typical cultural practices related to everyday life and personal interests or studies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In my own and other cultures, I can analyze and explain how a variety of practices within familiar and social situations are related to perspectives.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In my own and other cultures, I can compare practices related to everyday life and personal interests or studies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In my own and other cultures, I can analyze and explain how cultural practices have changed through historical eras.
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In my own and other cultures, I can analyze and explain how cultural perspectives have changed or remained the same through historical eras in relation to cultural practices.
Strand	Standard	<p>Cultures: Interact with cultural competence and understanding</p> <p>Relating Cultural Products to Perspectives: Learners use the language to investigate, explain, and reflect on the relationship between the products and perspectives of the cultures studied.</p>	
Performance Expectations		Childhood	2 - Novice Mid
K - Novice Low	1 - Novice Low		

Performance Expectations		Standard	Strand	Connections	Performance Expectations
In my own and other cultures, I can identify products to help me understand perspectives. · In my own and other cultures, I can identify some typical products related to familiar everyday life.	3 - Novice Mid	4 - Novice High	Early Adolescence	<p>In my own and other cultures, I can identify products to help me understand perspectives. · In my own and other cultures, I can identify some typical products related to familiar everyday life.</p>	<p>5 - Novice High</p> <p>6-8 - Intermediate Low/Intermediate Mid</p> <p>In my own and other cultures, I can make comparisons among cultural products to help me understand perspectives. · In my own and other cultures, I can compare products related to everyday life and personal interests or studies. · In my own and other cultures, I can identify and compare historical eras.</p>
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In order for students to become self-directed lifelong learners, integrated and informed thinkers and responsible citizens, they will begin to make connections between the target language and other content areas starting at the novice level. Through their study of another language, students will investigate a variety of products and practices that make them aware of cultural differences in perspective and tap into their prior knowledge. As their abilities in the language grow, students will be able to effectively communicate those connections and explain the differences in cultural perspectives in their own language(s) and the target language in a variety of topics. This depth of experience through a variety of activities in all content areas will serve to assist students as they make decisions about their post-graduate work. The connections that students make between the language and particular areas of interest will allow them to apply that knowledge in the workforce and navigate more successfully with other cultures in a global community.	Performance Expectations	Strand	Standard	Connections: Connect with other disciplines and acquire information and diverse perspectives in order to use the language to function in academic and career-related situations	Connect with other disciplines and acquire information and diverse perspectives in order to use the language to function in academic and career-related situations
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	Performance Expectations	I can apply information acquired in other MLR content areas to further my knowledge and skills in the target language and associated culture(s). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can apply information and/or skills from other MLR content areas including literature, social studies, science and technology, and/or the visual and performing arts to topics discussed in the world language classroom. 	I can use resources in the target language to enhance my knowledge of other MLR content areas and associated culture(s). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can make connections to other content areas by assessing, interpreting, and reviewing information gathered through target language resources. 	
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		I can recognize some similarities and differences in how information is organized in the target culture(s) and in my own culture(s).	I can recognize some similarities and differences in how information is organized in the target culture(s) and in my own culture(s).	I can recognize some similarities and differences in how information is organized in the target culture(s) and in my own culture(s).
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		I can recognize some distinctive viewpoints available only through authentic target language resources.	I can recognize some distinctive viewpoints available only through sources from the target language.	I can recognize some distinctive viewpoints available only through sources from the target language.
		I can connect knowledge of structures and practices from my own language(s) and culture(s) to another.	I can connect knowledge of structures and practices from my own language(s) and culture(s) to another.	I can connect knowledge of structures and practices from my own language(s) and culture(s) to another.
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	Connections: Connect with other disciplines and acquire information and diverse perspectives in order to use the language to function in academic and career-related situations	I can locate authentic resources and identify ideas about the language and associated culture(s) that are available only through resources in the target language. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can locate media or other authentic sources from the target language and the culture(s) in which the target language is the primary form of communication. I can compare and contrast a perspective and/or practice of a culture(s) with my own culture(s). 	I can locate authentic resources and describe ideas about the language and associated culture(s) that are available only through resources in the target language. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can interpret short samples of discourse in the target language that reflect the culture(s) in which the target language is the primary form of communication and make connections to the viewpoints of the culture(s) associated with the target language(s). I can locate selected magazines, newspapers, authentic entertainment media and/or electronic media in the target language and use these media as the basis for describing the viewpoints of the culture(s) associated with the target language(s). 	

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<p>Through the study of language, students are invited to engage with the multilingual and multicultural world within and beyond their communities. By exploring diverse linguistic and cultural contexts, students make comparisons that enable them to better understand their own and other environments, to function in a global society, and to become informed thinkers and responsible, involved citizens. Developing insight into the nature of language and culture through comparisons involves investigating and reflecting upon the structure and function of language as well as the products and practices of culture. Comparing cultures to complex discussions on community connectedness and the role of the individual within various cultures. Throughout the strand, teachers and students are encouraged to employ a variety of media and technology to explore diverse linguistic and cultural contexts.</p>																																																																
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