

Education Committee
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World Language Adoption

The study of world language prepares the learners to communicate with audiences both within and beyond the classroom. The study of world languages prepares learners to have the language proficiency to communicate with audiences from around the world, explore a variety of cultural perspectives that give insight into cultures, and the ability to behave appropriately in a diverse cultures. Students who study a world language learn to ask and answer questions, identify words, describe, retell stories, interpret text, and build proficiency in three modes of communication: interpersonal, interpretive and presentational. The Minnesota Department of Education supports world language achievement for all learners and has established standards that must be based on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) world language standards.

In order to meet these standards established by ACTFL and MDE, Duluth Public Schools World Language teachers met over the course of the 2016-17 school year to review the standards and options for adopting curriculum. The following is the proposed software adoption for the World Language:

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