

INDICATORS OF EXCELLENCE

The students will:

- engage in oral and written exchanges to socialize, to provide and obtain information, to express preferences and feelings, and exchange ideas and opinions
- interpret and demonstrate understanding of increasing complicated spoken and written language such as instructions, directions, announcements, reports, conversations, descriptions, narrations, stories, poems, and short novels
- present information and convey messages on everyday topics to listeners and readers
- gain knowledge and understanding of the cultures being studied
- demonstrate an understanding of the nature of language by comparing the language being studied to the student's own language
- use the language to develop knowledge and skills in other content areas
- prepare for participation in the global community and marketplace

The teacher will:

- utilize a variety of effective instructional strategies that foster the development of communication skills
- design learning sequences which accommodate multiple intelligences and individual learning styles
- design learning activities that are task-based and simulate real-world use of language
- design learning scenarios which are multi-staged and result in a written or oral product
- present vocabulary and grammar in context
- assess the student's developing use of language through traditional (quizzes and tests) and non-traditional means (portfolios, journal, role plays, projects, reports, publications, and interviews)

The environment of the foreign language classroom will be:

- a learning environment
 - in which students can comfortably practice the language and learn from errors
 - where the students respect each other and their differences
- a physical environment
 - with no more than 25 student in a class
 - with only one level of language being taught in any one class period
 - where the teacher can create the atmosphere of another culture
 - where students can interact in pairs and groups
 - with the technology to allow students to communicate with native speakers and to gain knowledge about other cultures