

These are the Enduring Understandings and Essential Questions that underpin the World Language curriculum in every HSD#1 world language class. Students gain a deeper understanding of these concepts when they take successive years of any world language.

Enduring Understandings

- Language connects people and learning another language will open the door to a new culture. Language and culture are inextricably linked.
- Learning a second language will offer opportunities professionally and personally.
- The goal is effective communication, not word-for-word translation.
- Learning a language is an on-going process that requires motivation, perseverance, and practice.
- Structures and writing systems of the target language and English have similarities and differences.

Essential Questions

- What is culture?
- Why learn another language?
- How does language shape culture? How does culture shape language?
- How can I enhance my connections with people through language?
- How does where I live shape who I am and how I think?
- How can I explore other cultures without stereotyping?
- How fluent do I need to be in speaking and/or writing a new language in order to communicate effectively?
- Why isn't a dictionary enough?
- What are my expectations about learning another language?
- What are the benefits of taking a chance in language?the risks?
- What qualities do I need to learn another language?
- What skills, strategies and resources will help me learn another language?
- To what extent are English and the target language different?
- How does language change in different situations?