

MS Foreign Language Level I Standards and Benchmarks

Standard 1: Uses the target language to speak in a variety of contexts.

Benchmarks:

- 1.1 Understands and uses simple structures and vocabulary to engage in guided conversations when prompted and to express basic functional needs.
- 1:2 Produces proper sounds when speaking and reading out loud.

Standard 2: Uses the target language to communicate in writing using a variety of genre of different purposes and to a variety of audience.

Benchmarks:

- 2:1 Can write simple sentences using basic conventional structures and vocabulary.
- 2:2 Apply formal and informal conventions to various forms of writing.
- 2:3 Knows and uses in writing a basic number of common idiomatic expressions.

Standard 3: Understands and interprets the spoken target language on a variety of topics from diverse media.

Benchmarks:

- 3:1 Understands basic ideas in oral messages on familiar topics.

Standard 4: Understands and interprets the written target language on a variety of topics from diverse media.

- 4:1 Understands the main ideas in texts.

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Standard 5: Understands the perspectives, practices and contributions of the target culture and uses that knowledge to interact effectively in cultural settings.

- 5:1 Students will have a basic appreciation for the arts and contributors associated with the culture.
- 5:2 Students will have an understanding of the basic geography and major events of target countries.
- 5:3 Students will understand appropriate and social behaviors.

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