

KPBSD World Language Mission and Philosophy

The mission of the KPBSD World Languages Program is to develop responsible citizens who can use a second language and cultural understanding in order to participate in their local community and to prepare them to be active members of the dynamic global community.

Language and communication are the heart of human experience. Knowledge of world languages and cultures contributes to the students' personal growth and development by expanding their opportunities for global communication. The skills fostered in world language classes are the very skills needed for citizenship in the 21st century marketplace. Students at all levels will research independently and cooperatively to further progress through traditional methods and the newest technology, recognizing its relevance to instant global communication, inclusion, and participation. Students will gain an understanding on how art, geography, food, and history impact human rights and values. Culture and language are inseparable, culture being the medium for language instruction.

National and Alaska World Language standards reflected in this document guide world language acquisition and instruction. They are met at various degrees as students progress through the curriculum. The process of learning another language engages the mind and requires mental flexibility.

