

# MAINE WORLD LANGUAGES

## CONFIDENT COMMUNICATORS: SIMPLE MOVES TO HELP STUDENTS THRIVE IN A NEW LANGUAGE

Practical tips to spark confidence, encourage risk-taking, and celebrate growth in every student—through the 5 Cs: Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities. Students gain the skills they need to thrive in a multilingual and interconnected world.

### COMMUNICATE WITH CONFIDENCE



- Role Play & Interviews: practice real-life conversations in class.
- Use Tech Tools: record voice or video to reflect and improve fluency.
- Read & Listen Widely: explore media, podcasts, and stories in the target language.
- Write with Purpose: journals, emails, and letters to real or simulated audiences.
- Feedback Loops: peer review and teacher coaching to refine skills.

### EXPLORE CULTURES



- Celebrate cultural festivals and traditions in class
- Cook or share foods from different cultures.
- Engage with music, art, and film from around the world
- Connect with guest speakers or community members.
- Compare cultural perspectives on daily life practices.

### MAKE CONNECTIONS



- Integrate language learning into science, history, and art projects
- Explore current global events using the target language
- Collaborate with teachers across disciplines for joint projects
- Use language in math, coding, or STEM contexts
- Research and present on international innovations.

### SEE COMPARISONS



- Compare grammar and vocabulary with English or other languages
- Discuss similarities and differences in cultural practices
- Analyze idioms and sayings across languages
- Reflect on how bilingualism shapes identity
- Explore how gestures and body language differ.

### ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITIES



- Participate in local cultural events and festivals.
- Partner with sister schools abroad (virtual exchanges)
- Volunteer with multilingual communities
- Join or start a world language club at school
- Promote the Seal of Biliteracy and share personal success stories.