

5th Grade World Cultures Curriculum Overview

- Students explore the culture, customs, and learn some basic vocabulary words from Mexico/Spain, France, Germany and China. This class offers students the chance to explore the four foreign languages that are offered starting in sixth grade.

Skills to be developed throughout the course:

- Understand perspectives, customs, and cultures from countries around the world
- Develop basic language skills in the target languages studied

In Gower Middle 5th grade World Cultures Classrooms:

- Students will be able to say basic words and phrases in the target language.
- Students will learn more about the countries and customs associated with the languages studied.
- Students will use hands-on and engaging activities to explore topics related to Spanish, French, German, and Chinese.

Units of Study:

- Spanish
- French
- German
- Chinese (Mandarin)

The Learning Standards for this course are derived from the ACTFL World-Readiness Standards for Learning Languages.

- Demonstrates the ability to interact with cultural competence to understand perspectives and ideas of other cultures
- Demonstrates the ability to evaluate information from diverse language and cultural perspectives
- Demonstrates the ability to investigate, explain, and reflect on the concept of culture through comparisons of the cultures studied and their own
- Demonstrates the ability to present information and concepts in regards to various cultures and traditions