





At the end of this level,  
students can.....



World Languages

Novice-Mid Proficiency Range



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## Language Proficiency Range Levels

Language proficiency refers to the degree of skill with which a person can use a language to understand, speak, read, write, and listen in real-life situations. Colorado's standards provide guidance for the introduction of a new language (novice-low) through the minimum proficiency range deemed postsecondary and workforce ready (intermediate-mid). Progression through levels of proficiency is influenced by program design (grade levels, competency-based programs, time for language instruction) and a student's individual rate of acquiring language.

## World Languages Learning Expectations for Novice-Mid Proficiency Range

### Interpersonal Mode (Speaking and Writing)

Communicate on very familiar topics using a variety of words and phrases that have been practiced and memorized.

### Interpretive Mode (Listening, Reading, and Viewing)

Recognize familiar spoken words and phrases; recognize some letters and characters; comprehend learned or memorized words and phrases in texts.

### Presentational Mode (Speaking and Writing)

Orally present personal information and very familiar topics using a variety of words, phrases and memorized expressions; write lists and memorized phrases on familiar topics.

## Throughout the Novice-Mid Proficiency Range, you may find students... *(using the target language to...)*

- Write stories about activities or community events and share these stories and events with an audience.
- Learn math skills to convert American dollars to the currencies of other countries in order to understand prices of meals, tickets, clothing, etc.
- Use knowledge from health and science classes to compare healthy eating recommendations in the target cultures.
- Create a shopping list for a traditional meal prepared in the target culture.
- Ask for or give detailed directions to get from one place to another.