

# 2024-2025 World Language Unit Framework

## 8th Grade Unit 1

NH/NM/NL (1-3) *My Life as an Exchange Student*

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<b>Unit Title:</b> <i>NL/NM/NH (1-3) My Life as an Exchange Student</i>		<b>Estimated Time Frame:</b> 9 weeks for all 3 units; 3 weeks for Unit 1
<b>Big Idea (Thematic Description)</b>		
<p>In these units (Units 1-3), students are building an understanding of life as a student and real-world language use in order to: identify and describe a school's structure; compare/contrast the concept of schools around the world; express their food preferences; and build an understanding of themselves and others in order to share their leisure activity preferences and describe physical and personality traits.</p>		
<b>Targeted Proficiency/Performance Level</b>		<b>Power Language Skills</b>
<a href="#">Novice Low/Novice Mid</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking memorized questions.</li> <li>Answering rehearsed questions</li> <li>Building basic vocabulary for predictable situations</li> </ul>
<b>Considerations</b>	<b>Prerequisite skills</b>	<b>Common Misconceptions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students may have differing perceptions of schools with possibly minimal awareness of how schools differ across the world.</li> <li>Consider cultural connotations attached to colors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greetings/Farewells</li> <li>Colors</li> <li>I have/I need</li> <li>Numbers 1-60</li> <li>Classroom Commands / Requests</li> <li>Where is...?</li> <li>Places around school</li> <li>People in the school</li> <li>Calendar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Labeling of school levels</li> <li>Class schedules</li> <li>Formation of dates</li> <li>Layout of calendars/order of days of the week</li> <li>Seasonal variations around the world</li> <li>Giving the time</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Weather</li> <li>● Time</li> <li>● Schedule</li> <li>● School Subjects</li> </ul>	
<b>Common Performance-Based Assessment</b>		<b>Assessed Modes of Communication</b>
<p><b>For middle school (MS), there is a common unit assessment for this unit.</b> MS common unit assessment <a href="#">Semester 1 NM Benchmark Assessment</a> reflects Units 1 &amp; 2.</p>		Interpersonal Speaking, Presentational Writing
<b>Optional Performance-Based Summative Assessment</b>		
<p><b>Create a Blog - “My Life Abroad” (To be created at the end of the Unit 3 review)</b></p> <p>You are a current exchange student in another country. In order to prepare for the stay of future exchange students, you will create a series of blog/vlog posts detailing your life in that country. You will talk about your school day, the foods you like and don't like (including where to shop for them), and activities you enjoy doing in your free time.</p> <p>FCPS language proficiency rubrics are available in two formats: <a href="#">Single Point Proficiency Rubric</a> or <a href="#">Continuum Proficiency Rubric</a></p>		
<b><u>Enduring Standards (11 Standards based on 5Cs)</u>- [Assessed standards are within Communication and Cultures]</b>		
<p><b>Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Interpretive Communication:</b> Learners understand, interpret, and analyze what is heard, read, or viewed on a variety of topics. <b>Presentational Communication:</b></li> <li>● <b>Interpersonal Communication:</b> Learners interact and negotiate meaning in spoken, signed, or written conversations to share information, reactions, feelings, and opinions.</li> <li>● <b>Presentational Communication:</b> Learners present information, concepts, and ideas to inform, explain, persuade, and narrate on a variety of topics using appropriate media and adapting to various audiences of listeners, readers, or viewers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cultures</b></p>		

- **Relating Cultural Practices to Perspectives:** Learners use the language to investigate, explain, and reflect on the relationship between the practices and perspectives of the cultures studied.
- **Relating Cultural Products to Perspectives:** Learners use the language to investigate, explain, and reflect on the relationship between the products and perspectives of the cultures studied.

**Connections**

- **Making Connections:** Learners build, reinforce, and expand their knowledge of other disciplines while using the language to develop critical thinking and to solve problems creatively.
- **Acquiring Information and Diverse Perspectives:** Learners access and evaluate information and diverse perspectives that are available through the language and its cultures.

**Comparisons**

- **Language Comparisons:** Learners use the language to investigate, explain, and reflect on the nature of language through comparisons of the language studied and their own.
- **Cultural Comparisons:** Learners use the language to investigate, explain, and reflect on the concept of culture through comparisons of the cultures studied and their own.

**Communities**

- **School and Global Communities:** Learners use the language both within and beyond the classroom to interact and collaborate in their community and the globalized world.
- **Lifelong Learning:** Learners set goals and reflect on their progress in using languages for enjoyment, enrichment, and advancement.

**Guiding Questions**

**Communication:**

GQ: What do I need to be successful at school?  
GQ: What do I need to know?

**Intercultural:**

GQ: What are schools like around the world?

<a href="#"><u>KAS for WL</u></a>	<b>Sample Learning</b>	<b>Sample Success</b>	<b>Extension</b>	<b>Essential</b>
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<u>(Performance Indicators)</u>	Intentions	Criteria	Activities(Optional) Formative Assessment	Vocabulary /Phrases
<p><b>NL.C.1.IR/IL.Q2</b> <b>Conversations and Discussions</b> I can understand memorized or familiar words when they are supported by gestures or visuals in conversations.</p> <p><b>NL.C.2.IS/IL/IW.Q1</b> <b>Exchange Information and Ideas</b> I can provide information by answering a few simple questions on very familiar topics, using practiced or memorized words and phrases, with the help of gestures or visuals.</p> <p><b>NL.C.3.PW/PS.Q1</b> <b>Narrate</b> I can introduce myself using practiced or memorized words and phrases, with the help of gestures and visuals.</p> <p><b>N.ICC.2.INT.Q2 Behavior</b> I can use appropriate rehearsed behaviors and recognize some obviously inappropriate behaviors in</p>	<p>I am learning about introductions so I can greet others in a culturally appropriate way.</p>	<p>I can recognize a greeting and a farewell when I hear them.</p> <p>I can identify which greetings to use for adults and friends.</p> <p>I can greet and say goodbye to a friend, an adult, and a mixed group.</p> <p>I can recognize when being asked what my name is.</p> <p>I can ask and answer, "What is your name?".</p> <p>I can greet and introduce myself to others.</p>		<p><b>Spiraled Vocabulary:</b> <i>Activating prior 7th grade base vocabulary</i></p> <p>Greetings/ Farewells</p> <p>Q: What is your name?</p> <p>Pleasantries</p> <p>Introductions</p> <p><b>Vocabulary Extension</b> <i>To be added from 7th grade base vocabulary:</i></p> <p><i>Good morning, afternoon, evening, night</i></p> <p><i>Nice to meet you!</i></p> <p><i>Special titles (e.g. Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr.)</i></p> <p>Q: How do you spell your name?</p>

familiar everyday situations.				
<p><b>NM.C.1.IR/IL.Q2</b> <b>Conversations and Discussions</b> I can identify some basic facts from memorized or familiar words and phrases when they are supported by gestures or visuals in conversations.</p> <p><b>NM.C.2.IS/IL/IW.Q2</b> <b>Needs and Situations</b> I can express basic needs related to familiar and everyday activities, using a mixture of practiced or memorized words, phrases, simple sentences, and questions.</p> <p><b>NM.C.3.PW/PS.Q3</b> Inform or Describe I can present on very familiar and everyday topics using a mixture of practiced or memorized words, phrases and simple sentences.</p>	<p>I am learning about classroom environments so I can describe my classroom to others and participate fully in class.</p>	<p>I can identify school supplies used in my classroom.</p> <p>I can compare/contrast school supplies used in schools around the world.</p> <p>I can describe my school supplies.</p> <p>I can identify the quantity of school items in the room (up to 30).</p> <p>I can tell how many school items I have.</p> <p>I can understand what school supplies a classmate has/needs.</p> <p>I can ask a classmate for school supplies I need.</p> <p>I can list what supplies I have for school.</p>		<p><b>Spiraled Vocabulary:</b> <i>Activating prior 7th grade base vocabulary</i></p> <p>Colors</p> <p>I have/I need</p> <p>Classroom objects and materials</p> <p>#s 1-30</p> <p>Q: What is this?</p> <p>Classroom Commands &amp; Requests</p> <p><b>Vocabulary Extension</b> <i>To be added from 7th grade base vocabulary:</i></p> <p>Technology / electronics</p>

<p><b>N.ICC.1.INV.Q1 Products</b> In my own and other cultures, I can identify some typical products related to familiar everyday life.</p>		<p>I can understand classroom instructions/commands.</p> <p>I can ask a classmate to do something in class.</p>		<p>Classroom furniture</p> <p>Q: Do you/can I have...?</p>
<p><b>NM.C.1.IR/IL.Q2 Conversations and Discussions</b> I can identify some basic facts from memorized or familiar words and phrases when they are supported by gestures or visuals in conversations.</p> <p><b>NM.C.3.PW/PS.Q3 Inform or Describe</b> I can present on very familiar and everyday topics using a mixture of practiced or memorized words, phrases and simple sentences.</p> <p><b>NL.C.2.IS/IL/IW.Q1 Exchange Information and Ideas</b> I can provide information by answering a few simple questions on very familiar</p>	<p>I am exploring schools around the world so that I can describe my school to others.</p>	<p>I can identify places on a school map.</p> <p>I can create a labeled map of my school.</p> <p>I can ask/answer where something is located in my school.</p> <p>I can compare my school's layout with that of another school.</p> <p>I can identify the roles of people within my school.</p> <p>I can ask/answer where someone is.</p> <p>I can tell where each role is located within my school.</p> <p>I can introduce my</p>		<p><b>Spiraled Vocabulary:</b> <i>Activating prior 7th grade base vocabulary</i></p> <p>Locations throughout a school</p> <p>Q: Where is...?</p> <p>People at school (e.g. teacher, student, nurse, principal).</p> <p><b>Vocabulary Extension</b> <i>To be added from 7th grade base vocabulary:</i></p> <p>Welcome to...</p>

<p>topics, using practiced or memorized words and phrases, with the help of gestures or visuals.</p> <p><b>NM.C.2.IS/IL/IW.Q2 Needs and Situations</b> I can express basic needs related to familiar and everyday activities, using a mixture of practiced or memorized words, phrases, simple sentences, and questions.</p> <p><b>N.ICC.1.INV.Q2 Practices</b> In my own and other cultures, I can identify some typical practices related to familiar everyday life.</p>		<p>school by sharing locations and roles of people within the school.</p>		<p>Basic direction words (e.g. next to, left, right, straight ahead)</p> <p>Entrance/Exit</p> <p>Roles of people at school (e.g. teaches, helps, cleans, leads)</p>
<p><b>NM.C.1.IR/IL.Q2 Conversations and Discussions</b> I can identify some basic facts from memorized or familiar words and phrases when they are supported by gestures or visuals in conversations.</p>	<p>I am exploring schools around the world so that I can describe my school experience to others.</p>	<p>I can identify the days in a week.</p> <p>I can ask/answer what day it is today, tomorrow and yesterday.</p> <p>I can identify on what day(s) a class or school event is occurring.</p>		<p><b>Spiraled Vocabulary:</b> <i>Activating prior 7th grade base vocabulary</i></p> <p>Days of the week</p> <p>Q: What day is it?</p>

<p><b>NL.C.2.IS/IL/IW.Q1 Exchange Information and Ideas</b> I can provide information by answering a few simple questions on very familiar topics, using practiced or memorized words and phrases, with the help of gestures or visuals.</p> <p><b>NM.C.3.PW/PS.Q3 Inform or Describe</b> I can present on very familiar and everyday topics using a mixture of practiced or memorized words, phrases and simple sentences.</p> <p><b>N.ICC.1.INV.Q2 Practices</b> In my own and other cultures, I can identify some typical practices related to familiar everyday life.</p> <p><b>N.ICC.1.INV.Q1 Products</b> In my own and other cultures, I can identify some typical products related to familiar everyday life.</p>		<p>I can fill out the days on a calendar.</p> <p>I can identify the months in a year and in each season.</p> <p>I can tell what month it is and what season.</p> <p>I can label the months on a calendar.</p> <p>I can recognize some weather expressions in a forecast.</p> <p>I can identify weather for different seasons around the world.</p> <p>I can ask/answer what the weather is like.</p> <p>I can indicate the weather forecast for the upcoming week.</p> <p>I can understand a date on a calendar when I hear it.</p> <p>I can ask/answer what's the date.</p>		<p>Yesterday/Today/Tomorrow</p> <p>Months</p> <p>Seasons</p> <p>Foundational weather expressions</p> <p>Q: What's the weather?</p> <p>Dates*</p> <p>Q:What's the date?*</p> <p>(*if language appropriate)</p> <p>Subjects</p> <p>#s 30-60</p> <p>Schedule</p> <p>Time</p> <p>Q: What time is it?</p> <p><b>Vocabulary Extension</b> To be added from 7th grade base vocabulary:</p>
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Suggested Anchor Materials	Suggested Resources	Extension of Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School websites from the target culture</li> <li>• School shopping lists from the target culture               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School tours in the target culture / language</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culturally authentic calendars</li> <li>• Culturally authentic school layouts</li> <li>• Culturally authentic school schedules</li> <li>• Use resources that reflect diverse school settings across the target language cultures</li> </ul>	