World Language Curriculum

Eighth Grade

The New Jersey Learning Standards — World Languages (NJSLS-WL) is a guiding document toward participation in the state's global society. As one of the most diverse states in the United States, New Jersey encompasses a multicultural, global citizenry. In all regions, there are people speaking and interacting with others in different languages; there are street signs in several languages and international enterprises conducting business in English and in a multitude of other languages. The New Jersey Department of Education, whose mission is to equip students with necessary knowledge, skills, and attitudes to participate successfully in the 21st century, embraces the state's multiculturalism and diversity, including the acquisition of diverse languages and cultures.

Unit Title	Timeframe	New Jersey Student Learning Standards
Unit 1: Una semana fenomenal (Argentina)	5 months	7.1.NH.IPRET.1: Identify familiar words and phrases in culturally authentic materials related to targeted themes. 7.1.NH.IPRET.2: Understand the main idea and occasionally infer the meaning of some highly contextualized, unfamiliar spoken or written words, phrases, and short sentences in culturally authentic materials related to targeted themes. 7.1.NH.IPRET.3: Respond and act on a series of oral and written instructions, directions, and commands. 7.1.NH.IPRET.4: Recognize some common gestures and cultural practices associated with target culture(s). 7.1.NH.IPRET.5: Identify some unique linguistic elements in the target culture. 7.1.NH.IPRET.6: Interpret some common cultural practices associated with the target culture(s). 7.1.NH.IPRET.8: Demonstrate comprehension of brief oral and written messages using contextualized culturally authentic materials on global issues, including climate change.
Unit 2: Una rutina diferente (Costa Rica)	5 months	7.1.NH.IPRET.1: Identify familiar words and phrases in culturally authentic materials related to targeted themes. 7.1.NH.IPRET.2: Understand the main idea and occasionally infer the meaning of some highly contextualized, unfamiliar spoken or written words, phrases, and short sentences in culturally authentic materials related to targeted themes. 7.1.NH.IPRET.3: Respond and act on a series of oral and written instructions, directions, and commands. 7.1.NH.IPRET.4: Recognize some common gestures and cultural practices associated with target culture(s). 7.1.NH.IPRET.5: Identify some unique linguistic elements in the target culture. 7.1.NH.IPRET.6: Interpret some common cultural practices associated with the target culture(s). 7.1.NH.IPRET.8: Demonstrate comprehension of brief oral and written messages using contextualized culturally authentic materials on global issues, including climate change.