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NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR MODERN GREEK LANGUAGE EDUCATION

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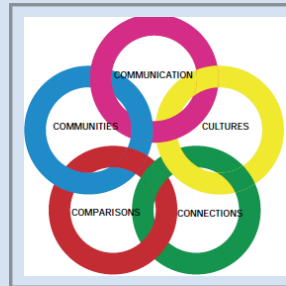
ACTFL has lead the way in the task of defining content standards -- what students should know and be able to do -- in foreign language education. The final document, *Standards for Foreign Language Learning: Preparing for the 21st Century*, represents an unprecedented consensus among educators, business leaders, government, and the community on the definition and role of foreign language instruction in American education. This visionary document has been used by teachers, administrators, and curriculum developers at both state and local levels to begin to improve foreign language education in our nation's schools. Modern Greek will be added to this document by November 2012. Establishing standards for Greek language learning and teaching, will promote better learning and teaching practices, strong curricula at the local and national level, better assessment practices, and opportunities for the professionalization of teachers of Modern Greek.

ΑΙΕΝΑΡΙΣΤΕΥΕΙΝ

Statement of Philosophy

“Forever Excelling” is a Greek adage, originally from Homer's Iliad (6.208), which aptly applies in setting goals or standards of what students should know and be able to do as they run the marathon of Modern Greek Language learning. These standards are the hurdles that help the learners determine their place in the race. “Forever Excelling” is a friend of wisdom. Wisdom aptly uses the goals not merely for linear progression of learning, but for the simultaneous breadth and depth of what can be learned.

STANDARDS FOR MODERN GREEK LANGUAGE LEARNING - The 5 C's



COMMUNICATION

Communicate in the Modern Greek Language

- Ω **Interpersonal Communication:** Students engage in conversations, provide and obtain information, express feelings and emotions, and exchange opinions in the Greek language.
- Ω **Interpretive Communication:** Students understand and interpret written and spoken language on a variety of topics
- Ω **Presentational Communication:** Students present information, concepts, and ideas to an audience of listeners or readers on a variety of topics.

CULTURES

Gain Knowledge and Understanding of the Modern Greek Language and its cultural contexts

- Ω **Practices of Culture:** Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the practices and perspectives of the Greek culture past and present.
- Ω **Products of Culture:** Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the products and perspectives of the Greek culture.

CONNECTIONS

Connect with Other Disciplines and Acquire Information, and Expand Knowledge

- Ω **Making Connections:** Students reinforce and further their knowledge of other disciplines and their historical development through the Greek language and cultural contexts and perspectives.
- Ω **Acquiring information:** Students acquire information, expand their knowledge, and recognize the distinctive viewpoints that are only available through the Greek language and its culture through the ages.

COMPARISONS

Develop Insight into the Nature of Language and Culture

- Ω **Language Comparisons:** Students demonstrate an understanding of the nature of language through comparisons of Modern Greek with their own language.
- Ω **Cultural Comparisons:** Students demonstrate understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of the Greek culture and their own.

COMMUNITIES

Participate in Diverse Communities of Language and Culture

- Ω **School and Community:** Students use their knowledge of Greek in a multilingual world.
- Ω **Lifelong learning:** Students show evidence of becoming life-long learners by using the Modern Greek language for personal enjoyment and enrichment.

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