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SAVE THE DATE

2012 Annual Convention &
World Languages Expo
Philadelphia Convention Center
November 16-18, 2012

Convention Registration for members
After 10.24.12 \$290

Daily Registration for members \$235 after

Daily Registration for non-members \$320 after

[All Modern Greek Language seminars will be on 11.16.12]

<http://www.actfl.org/convention-expo/registration>

ACTFL membership for part-time educators \$50.

One Modern Greek SIG (Special Interest Group) free

<http://www.actfl.org/membership/special-interest-groups-sigs/modern-greek>

Register ASAP!

Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21st Century

The NEW 4th Edition of Standards for Foreign Language
Learning in the 21st Century will be available in 2013 (with
Modern Greek standards) from:

National Standards Report

P.O. Box 1897, Lawrence, KS 66044 USA

Phone: (785) 843-1234

Fax: (785) 843-6153

**Special Community Celebration of Modern Greek
Language in the U.S.A. will be held on Friday,
November 16, 2012, 5 pm @ A premier Greek
Restaurant in the heart of Philadelphia
Estia: A Greek Mediterranean Restaurant**
(15 minute walk from Pennsylvania Convention Center)

Café of Ideas Reception 5 pm

[An interactive opportunity to learn from one another by
sharing local best practices & projects]

**6:30 pm Dinner & Community Celebration of the
Modern Greek Language**

To reserve your seat send \$70 check to:

THE HELLENIC LINK, Inc.

Suite No. 278, 38-11 Dimars Blvd, Astoria, New York 11105

RSVP before 11.9.12

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MODERN GREEK A *Living* CLASSIC



Come Celebrate and Share
Modern Greek in the family of ACTFL
languages

Nov. 16-18, 2012 in
Philadelphia, PA

NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR MODERN GREEK LANGUAGE EDUCATION



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American Council on the Teaching of Foreign
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ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) 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. Teachers, administrators, and curriculum developers at both state and local levels, have used this visionary document, to begin to improve foreign language education in our nation’s schools. Modern Greek will be added to this document in the upcoming 2013 edition. 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.

ΑΙΕΝ ΑΡΙΣΤΕΥΕΙΝ

Statement of Philosophy

ΑΙΕΝ ΑΡΙΣΤΕΥΕΙΝ! “Ever to Excel” is a Greek adage—from Homer’s *Iliad* (6.208)—that aptly applies in setting goals or standards for what students should know and be able to do as they engage in the journey of Modern Greek language learning. Aligning with *The Partnership for 21st Century Skills* (2011) of communication, innovative, critical and creative thinking and praxis, this quest reflects the simultaneous breadth and depth of what can be learned. Set in the context of the global community, the Modern Greek standards empower a cross-cultural learning experience and envision a society of sensitive leadership.

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