



Position Statement on Reaching Global Competence

The ability to **communicate** with respect and cultural understanding in more than one language is an essential element of global competence.

This competence is developed and demonstrated by investigating the world, recognizing and weighing **perspectives**, acquiring and applying **disciplinary and interdisciplinary** knowledge, communicating ideas, and taking action.

Global competence is fundamental to the experience of learning languages whether in **classrooms**, through **virtual** connections, or via everyday **experiences**.

Language learning contributes an important means to communicate and interact in order to participate in multilingual **communities at home and around the world**.

This interaction develops the disposition to explore the **perspectives** behind the **products and practices** of a culture and to value such intercultural experiences.



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