

Language Ambassadors

Middle School

To be a Language Ambassador, you need to do six of the activities in your target language. What language are you learning besides English? That's your target language. Do one activity from each category: learn, interact, create/ present. You can also make up your own activity. Just make sure that you are using and learning about your target language when you do it. Try to do one activity a month. Do more if you can! Write down what you do on your log.

Learn

- research careers/jobs that require knowing more than one language
- attend a community event that features other language/culture
- attend religious services in target language
- attend a career day focused on careers using language skills
- listen to a family story or tradition
- ask a parent or other language expert to teach you words/phrases in target language
- read books/articles/songs/poems/newspapers/magazines
- learn a song in target language
- watch news in target language
- watch an age-appropriate video, movie or TV show
- visit a classroom taught in another language
- take a language class
- learn basics like numbers, colors, common courtesy words in target language
- research what languages are spoken in different countries
- research topic on the Internet, with adult supervision
- learn a game, sport, dance or other activity
- follow directions to make something
- research multilingual celebrities and historical figures
- list languages used in your community
- your idea _______

Interact

- volunteer to work at a community or school event with an adult
- provide translation for someone who needs help at store, restaurant, office, school
- with your family, host visitors from other countries
- interact at a store, library, restaurant
- play with or provide child care to younger children
- communicate with adults who supervise you such as school supervisors, crossing guards, camp counselors, teachers, coaches, after-school program staff
- write/phone/email/text in target language
- help younger siblings with homework using target language
- explain to your family what you are learning in school
- have a family discussion on value of knowing more than one language
- be a conversation buddy with someone interested in learning the target language
- be a buddy for a newcomer student
- serve as office assistant, providing service in target language as needed
- be a buddy to a younger student

- provide translation at school activities and events
- be the school multilingual ambassador and provide tours to visitors/new students who speak target language
- tutor another student in target language
- read aloud to younger child
- learn to cook something with an adult/older child
- work on a project with someone older (build something, fix something, clean something, create something)
- teach a younger child how to do something (cook, fix something, create something)
- participate in a community event that features other language/culture
- provide community service using the target language
- provide translation of documents to school office, teacher, or community organization
- your idea

Create/Present

- sing a song or recite a poem to your family
- serve as MC at community event using target language
- teach someone social courtesies (how to say hello, goodbye, please, thank you, how to introduce themselves) or other words and phrases
- retell family story or tradition
- create a video or oral history of family stories and memories
- keep a journal in target language
- keep a travel journal of a trip to another country
- write a newspaper/news article
- keep a personal multi/bilingual dictionary
- write and present a skit or play in target language
- present/perform at school or community "recital" or event using target language
- write a story or book
- create a "text" (multimedia, book, presentation) about being multilingual
- partner with someone who speaks a different language to create a multilingual presentation for a school project
- serve in a religious service in target language
- make school announcements in target language
- make phone calls to homes announcing parent/family events
- remake a pop culture song or video that exists in English in target language
- read aloud to younger child
- your idea