

Unit 4: Milestones & Life Events

Content Area: **Template**
Course(s):
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UNIT RATIONALE

Students will use the target language (American Sign Language-ASL) in the three modes of communication to identify & express life milestones and events, concepts of possession, and basic commands. This unit will provide the foundational skills that are necessary for students to develop ASL on their way towards fluency. Assessments will be based on students using and interpreting the target language.

Interpretive:

Students interpret authentic signed/visual productions of American Sign Language that focus on language likes/dislikes and descriptions

Interpersonal:

Students will engage in unscripted conversations with classmates, the instructor, or the members of the Deaf Community.

Presentational:

Students will use pre-rehearsed/memorized phrases in the target language as well as use culturally appropriate norms, gestures, and facial expressions.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- How can I use a language when I've just started to learn it?
- How can I navigate conversations in ASL when I don't know everything that was signed?
- What will help my classmates, my teacher, and members of the Deaf Community better understand me?
- How can I respect a culture that has different practices than my own?
- What is a life milestone?
- How can I describe major life events on a timeline?

STANDARDS

NEW JERSEY STUDENT LEARNING STANDARDS: CONTENT AREA

New Jersey (NJSLS) - World Languages - Interpersonal Mode (2020)

7.1.NL.IPERS.1

Respond to a few simple questions on very familiar topics using memorized words and phrases that have been repeatedly practiced.

7.1.NL.IPERS.2

With the help of gestures and/or visuals, share with others basic needs on very familiar topics using memorized words and phrases that have been repeatedly practiced.

7.1.NL.IPERS.3

Tell others a few basic preferences and/or feelings using memorized words and phrases, often supported by gestures or visuals.

7.1.NL.IPERS.4

React to a few procedural instructions, directions, and commands in classroom situations.

7.1.NL.IPERS.5

Enact a few culturally authentic gestures when greeting others and during leave takings.

7.1.NM.IPERS.5

Imitate gestures and intonation of the target culture(s) native speakers when greeting others, during leave-takings, and in daily interactions.

7.1.NH.IPERS.1

Exchange basic information by recombining memorized words, phrases, and sentences on topics related to self and targeted themes to express original ideas and information.

7.1.IL.IPERS.2

Ask and respond with appropriate comments and questions to factual and personal questions on familiar topics relating to daily life.

New Jersey (NJSLS) - World Languages - Interpretive Mode (2020)

7.1.NL.IPRET.1

Identify a few memorized and practiced words contained in oral, viewed, and written chunks of language in culturally authentic materials when supported by visual cues such as pictures and gestures and text support such as bolded words, bulleted lists, and/or captions.

7.1.NL.IPRET.2

Respond with physical actions and/or gestures to simple oral directions, commands, and requests.

7.1.NL.IPRET.3

Recognize a few common gestures associated with the target culture(s).

7.1.NL.IPRET.4

Recognize a few memorized words related to weather and climate in the target culture(s) and in students' own cultures in highly contextualized oral texts.

7.1.NM.IPRET.3

Identify familiar people, places, objects in daily life based on simple oral and written descriptions.

7.1.NM.IPRET.5

Demonstrate comprehension of brief oral and written messages found in short culturally authentic materials on

global issues, including climate change.

7.1.NH.IPRET.1

Identify familiar words and phrases in culturally authentic materials related to targeted themes.

7.1.NH.IPRET.6

Interpret some common cultural practices associated with the target culture(s).

New Jersey (NJSLS) - World Languages - Presentational Mode (2020)

7.1.NL.PRSNT.1

Present very familiar personal information using memorized words and phrases that have been repeatedly practiced, often using gestures and visuals to support communication.

7.1.NL.PRSNT.2

Express a few basic preferences and/or feelings using memorized words and phrases that are supported by gestures or visuals.

7.1.NL.PRSNT.3

Imitate a few culturally authentic gestures when greeting others and during leave takings.

7.1.NL.PRSNT.4

State the names of a few memorized and practiced words and phrases related to climate change in the target culture(s) and in students' own cultures.

7.1.NM.PRSNT.1

Present basic personal information, interests, and activities using memorized words, phrases, and a few simple sentences on targeted themes.

7.1.NH.PRSNT.2

Create and present brief messages using familiar vocabulary orally or in writing.

WL.IL.7.1.IL.IPERS.2	Ask and respond with appropriate comments and questions to factual and personal questions on familiar topics relating to daily life.
WL.NH.7.1.NH.IPERS.1	Exchange basic information by recombining memorized words, phrases, and sentences on topics related to self and targeted themes to express original ideas and information.
WL.NH.7.1.NH.IPRET.1	Identify familiar words and phrases in culturally authentic materials related to targeted themes.
WL.NH.7.1.NH.IPRET.6	Interpret some common cultural practices associated with the target culture(s).
WL.NH.7.1.NH.PRSNT.2	Create and present brief messages using familiar vocabulary orally or in writing.
WL.NL.7.1.NL.IPERS.1	Respond to a few simple questions on very familiar topics using memorized words and phrases that have been repeatedly practiced.
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WL.NL.7.1.NL.IPERS.4	React to a few procedural instructions, directions, and commands in classroom situations.
WL.NL.7.1.NL.IPERS.5	Enact a few culturally authentic gestures when greeting others and during leave takings.
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WL.NL.7.1.NL.PRSNT.1	Present very familiar personal information using memorized words and phrases that have been repeatedly practiced, often using gestures and visuals to support communication.
WL.NL.7.1.NL.PRSNT.2	Express a few basic preferences and/or feelings using memorized words and phrases that are supported by gestures or visuals.
WL.NL.7.1.NL.PRSNT.3	Imitate a few culturally authentic gestures when greeting others and during leave takings.
WL.NL.7.1.NL.PRSNT.4	State the names of a few memorized and practiced words and phrases related to climate change in the target culture(s) and in students' own cultures.
WL.NM.7.1.NM.IPERS.5	Imitate gestures and intonation of the target culture(s) native speakers when greeting others, during leave-takings, and in daily interactions.
WL.NM.7.1.NM.IPRET.3	Identify familiar people, places, objects in daily life based on simple oral and written descriptions.
WL.NM.7.1.NM.IPRET.5	Demonstrate comprehension of brief oral and written messages found in short culturally authentic materials on global issues, including climate change.
WL.NM.7.1.NM.PRSNT.1	Present basic personal information, interests, and activities using memorized words, phrases, and a few simple sentences on targeted themes.

NEW JERSEY STUDENT LEARNING STANDARDS: CAREER READINESS, LIFE LITERACIES AND KEY SKILLS

Developed by the American Council on the Teaching Foreign Languages (ACTFL) and P21, the attached map reflects the collective effort of World Language teachers in the United States and illustrates the integration of World Languages and 21st Century Skills. This map provides educators, administrators, and policymakers with concrete examples of how 21st Century Skills can be integrated into core subjects.

[21st Century Skills Map-World Languages.pdf](#)

PFL.9.1.2.CR.1	Recognize ways to volunteer in the classroom, school and community.
PFL.9.1.2.FP.2	Differentiate between financial wants and needs.
WRK.9.1.2.CAP.1	Make a list of different types of jobs and describe the skills associated with each job.
TECH.9.4.2.CI.1	Demonstrate openness to new ideas and perspectives (e.g., 1.1.2.CR1a, 2.1.2.EH.1, 6.1.2.CivicsCM.2).
TECH.9.4.2.CI.2	Demonstrate originality and inventiveness in work (e.g., 1.3A.2CR1a).
TECH.9.4.2.CT.2	Identify possible approaches and resources to execute a plan (e.g., 1.2.2.CR1b, 8.2.2.ED.3).
TECH.9.4.2.CT.3	Use a variety of types of thinking to solve problems (e.g., inductive, deductive).
TECH.9.4.2.GCA.1	Articulate the role of culture in everyday life by describing one's own culture and comparing it to the cultures of other individuals (e.g., 1.5.2.C2a, 7.1.NL.IPERS.5, 7.1.NL.IPERS.6).

NEW JERSEY STUDENT LEARNING STANDARDS: COMPUTER SCIENCE AND DESIGN THINKING

Resources & Technology

- Smart Board
- Google Slides
- YouTube Videos
- Video Recording Apps (for student work & assessment)

TECH.8.1.2.C.1

Engage in a variety of developmentally appropriate learning activities with students in other classes, schools, or countries using various media formats such as online collaborative tools, and social media.

TECH.8.2.2.B.1

Identify how technology impacts or improves life.

PRE-ASSESSMENTS

Students will connect back to the previous unit "Family & Relationships" to discuss what kind of life events might effect a family. Students will discuss how life events can be happy or sad, but still important.

INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN

MODULE 1

**Student Learning Intentions (SLI) WALT:
(We are learning to...)**

We are learning to describe life milestones.

Student Learning Strategies

- Using Total Physical Response (TPR) students will learn vocabulary in the targeted language through physical movement.
- Students will work in small groups/partners to use the targeted vocabulary.
- Students will demonstrate understanding of vocabulary learned through TPR, presentation, and games.
- Students will use basic vocabulary to answer

	questions.
Success Criteria	I can state/inference the life milestone happening based on props and pictures.
Formative Assessment (drives instructional decisions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Observations • Participation in class • TPR responsiveness & readiness • Presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive group activities. • Student feedback based on learning intentions.
Activities and Resources	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Students will learn new vocabulary of relevant life milestones (birthdays, first day of school, holidays, etc.). Students will use inferencing skills to describe what life event is happening based on props, pictures, and scenes.</p> </div>
Suggested Modifications	Click Here for Suggested Modifications

MODULE 2

Student Learning Intentions (SLI) WALT: (We are learning to...)	We are learning to describe life milestones and holidays.
Student Learning Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Total Physical Response (TPR) students will learn vocabulary in the targeted language through physical movement. • Students will work in small groups/partners to use the targeted vocabulary. • Students will demonstrate understanding of vocabulary learned through TPR, presentation, and games.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will use basic vocabulary to answer questions.
Success Criteria	I can describe a holiday that I celebrate.
Formative Assessment (drives instructional decisions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Observations • Participation in class • TPR responsiveness & readiness • Presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive group activities. • Student feedback based on learning intentions.
Activities and Resources	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Students will describe a holiday that they celebrate through pictures and signs for students to infer what holiday is being described.</p> </div>
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MODULE 3

Student Learning Intentions (SLI) WALT: (We are learning to...)	We are learning to describe our life stories.
Student Learning Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Total Physical Response (TPR) students will learn vocabulary in the targeted language through physical movement. • Students will work in small groups/partners to use the targeted vocabulary. • Students will demonstrate understanding of vocabulary learned through TPR, presentation, and games. • Students will use basic vocabulary to answer

	questions.
Success Criteria	I can write my life story by picking 3-5 important life milestones.
Formative Assessment (drives instructional decisions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Observations • Participation in class • TPR responsiveness & readiness • Presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive group activities. • Student feedback based on learning intentions.
Activities and Resources	Students will choose 3-5 important life milestones from their own life and tell their story to a partner. Their partner will track their story using a story tracker provided by the instructor.
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MODULE 4

Student Learning Intentions (SLI) WALT: (We are learning to...)	We are learning to create timelines.
Student Learning Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Total Physical Response (TPR) students will learn vocabulary in the targeted language through physical movement. • Students will work in small groups/partners to use the targeted vocabulary. • Students will demonstrate understanding of vocabulary learned through TPR, presentation, and games. • Students will use basic vocabulary to answer

	questions.
Success Criteria	I can create a timeline of various life milestones.
Formative Assessment (drives instructional decisions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Observations • Participation in class • TPR responsiveness & readiness • Presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive group activities. • Student feedback based on learning intentions.
Activities and Resources	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Students will choose 5-7 important life events to add to a timeline. Their timelines will include dates and pictures relating to the events occurring. When complete, students will use presentational language to sign their timelines to the class.</p> </div>
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REFLECTIONS

For future lessons, introduce vocabulary more slowly and give students more time to engage with the vocabulary and use it. Foundational vocabulary will be very relevant to the students throughout their time using ASL, so it is worthwhile to spend the additional time teaching them the signs that will be more important to them. Everything does not have to be taught the first time. The curriculum will spiral and students will be able to see "old" vocabulary again.

K-2 & 3-5 do not necessarily need to learn the same vocabulary each week. K-2 should be learning fewer, but relevant vocabulary, while 3-5 (in the future) can begin to build off of the basic vocabulary that they have already learned.

Find a way to teach this differently as opposed to just showing students different life events. Maybe introduce a relevant book or movie that students can connect to and make a timeline of a character's life. This will allow all students to share a similar experience when learning and have something to refer back to when they need to make connections to their own lives.

INTERDISCIPLINARY CONNECTIONS: NEW JERSEY STUDENT LEARNING STANDARDS FOR ELA, SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE AND/OR MATHEMATICS

Students will have the opportunity to engage in authentic conversations about meaningful moments in their lives, which allows them to touch upon various SEL topics.

SOC.6.1.2.CivicsPR.3	Analyze classroom rules and routines and describe how they are designed to benefit the common good.
SOC.6.1.2.CivicsPR.4	Explain why teachers, local community leaders, and other adults have a responsibility to make rules that fair, consistent, and respectful of individual rights.
SOC.6.1.2.CivicsCM.3	Explain how diversity, tolerance, fairness, and respect for others can contribute to individuals feeling accepted.
LA.SL.K.1	Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.
LA.SL.K.1.A	Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., listening to others with care and taking turns speaking about the topics and texts under discussion).
LA.SL.K.1.B	Continue a conversation through multiple exchanges.
LA.SL.K.3	Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood.
LA.SL.K.4	Describe familiar people, places, things, and events and, with prompting and support, provide additional detail.
LA.SL.K.5	Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail.