Bemidji Area Schools World Language Objectives Ojibwe, Bemidji Middle School

The Middle School Ojibwe course offers a basic introduction to the Ojibwe language. Emphasis is put on listening to the sounds of the language and attempting to emulate those sounds. The cultural backgrounds of Ojibwe-speaking people is also presented.

Standard	Benchmarks	
Standards Goal One: Communicate in Languages Other Than English		
1.1 Students will engage in conversations, provide	Students are able to:	
and obtain information, express feelings and	a. Express basic needs, basic courtesies.	
emotions, and exchange opinions.	b. Express state of being, likes and dislikes, agreement and disagreement.	
	c. Respond to one-on-one interactions.	
	d. Ask and answer simple questions.	
	e. Make and respond to simple requests.	
1. 2 Students understand and interpret written and	Students are able to:	
spoken language on a variety of topics.	a. Respond appropriately to directions, instructions and commands.	
	b. Make an identification based on simple oral and/or written descriptors.	
	c. Understand and respond to developmentally appropriate material.	
	d. Respond to speech of peers and familiar adults on a given topic.	
	e. Identify aural, visual and context clues.	
	f. Comprehend and respond to simple personal written communications; such as, notes,	
	invitations and letters.	
	g. Identify main ideas and key words in oral and written material.	
1. 3 Students convey information, concepts and	Students are able to:	
ideas to listeners and readers for a variety of	a. Give directions, commands and instructions.	
purposes.	b. Give directions orally and in writing using simple phrases.	
	c. Write a personal communication such as a note, letter or invitation.	
	d. Summarize main idea of selected and/or contextualized material.	
	e. Present prepared material to audience.	
Standard Goal Two: Gain Knowledge and Understanding of Other Cultures		
2.1 Students demonstrate an understanding of the	Students are able to:	
relationship between the perspectives and	a. Identify and react to cultural perspectives and practices in the culture studied.	
practices of cultures studied and use this	b. Recognize and interpret language and behaviors that are appropriate to the target culture.	
knowledge to interact effectively in cultural	c. Identify some commonly held generalizations about the culture studied	

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contexts.	d. Identify social and geographical factors that affect cultural practices.
	e. Identify common words, phrase and idioms that reflect the culture.
2.2 Students demonstrate an understanding of the	Students are able to:
relationship between the perspectives and	a. Identify the relationship between cultural perspectives and products/contributions as
products/contributions of the culture studied.	represented in expressive forms of the culture studied: such as art, literature, music, dance, etc.
	b. Identify and explain how the needs, behaviors and beliefs of the culture are reflected in
	the products/contributions of the culture studied.
	c. Identify expressive forms of the target culture; including objects, images, and symbols of
	the target culture.
	d. Recognize the contributions of the target culture.
	e. Identify the products of the target country/countries.
Standard Goal Three: Connect with Other disciplines and Acquire Information	
3.1 Students reinforce and further knowledge of	Students are able to:
other disciplines through foreign languages.	a. Identify and apply, within a familiar context, information and skills common to the
	foreign language classrooms and other disciplines.
	b. Identify through foreign language resources, information for use in other disciplines.
3.2 Students acquire information and perspectives	Students are able to:
through authentic materials in the foreign	a. Extract information from sources intended for native speakers of the language.
language and within cultures.	b. Use authentic sources to identify the perspectives of the target culture.
Standard Goal Four: Develop Insight into the Nature of Language and Culture	
4.1 Students recognize that different languages use	Students are able to:
different patterns to communicate and can apply	a. Identify the sound patterns of the target language and compare them to the student's own
this knowledge to their own language.	language.
	b. Identify the structural patterns of the target language and compare them to the student's
	own language.
	c. Identify the idiomatic expressions of the language.
	d. Identify connections among languages.
4.2 Students recognize that cultures use different	Students are able to:
patterns of interaction and can apply this	a. Identify the similarities and differences between the target culture(s) and the student's
knowledge to their own culture.	own culture using evidence from authentic sources.
	b. Identify similar and different behavior patterns between the target culture(s) and the

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	student's own culture.	
	c. Identify the contributions of the target culture(s) to the student's own culture.	
	d. Identify expressive and utilitarian forms of the target culture(s).	
Standard Goal Five: Participate in Multilingual Communities at Home and Around the World		
5.1 Students use the language both within and	Students are able to:	
beyond the school setting for a variety of	a. Identify the target language in the student's daily life.	
purposes	b. Share knowledge of target language with others.	
	c. Locate connections with the target culture through the use of technology, media, and	
	authentic sources.	
	e. Locate resources in the community to research the target culture(s).	