

MaFLA Exemplary Program Rubric: Elementary K-5/K-6

The MaFLA Exemplary Elementary Program Award assembles industry standard on best practices and high performing programming with strong student outcomes. It is intended to be a working document for programs who wish to work toward attaining the Exemplary program distinction. The Levels 1 through 3 described below are potential areas of entry for programs to use as a checklist to identify areas of need as well as an advocacy tool for administrative support for program strengthening.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Elementary Program Award
1. Program Characteristics				
1a. Schedule K-5/K-6	Meets 30 minutes total per week, 1x per week	Meets 45 minutes total per week, 2x per week.	Meets either 75 minutes total per week, or 3x per week. (No less than 45 minutes total per week, and at least 2x per week.)	Foreign language programming meets a minimum of 75 minutes total per week, at least 3x/week.
1b. Student Participation	65% of students participate in foreign language programming.	75% of students participate in foreign language programming.	85% of students participate in foreign language programming.	All students participate in foreign language programming.
Curriculum				
2a. Aligned with Standards	There is a formal curriculum based on the MaFLA Endorsed, <i>World Readiness Standards for Learning Languages</i> , that clearly articulates alignment with two of the Five C's and the standards for all three modes of communication.	There is a formal curriculum based on the MaFLA Endorsed, <i>World Readiness Standards for Learning Languages</i> , that clearly articulates alignment with three of the Five C's and the standards for all three modes of communication.	There is a formal curriculum based on the MaFLA Endorsed, <i>World Readiness Standards for Learning Languages</i> , that clearly articulates alignment with four of the Five C's and the standards for all three modes of communication.	There is a formal curriculum based on the MaFLA Endorsed, <i>World Readiness Standards for Learning Languages</i> , that clearly articulates alignment with all Five C's and the standards for all three modes of communication.

2b. Best Practices	Evidence for 3 of the 5 Best Practices exists, but is not consistent among all teachers.	Evidence for 4 of the 5 Best Practices exists, but is not consistent among all teachers.	Evidence for all 5 of the Best Practices exists, but is not consistent among all teachers.	Documented evidence exists to show consistency in best practices in all teachers of department: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students and teachers use Target Language 90+. 2. Teachers design and carry out interpersonal communication tasks for pairs, small groups, and full class. 3. Teachers incorporate authentic cultural texts. 4. Grammar is taught implicitly, only as a concept, and within meaningful contexts with focus on meaning over form. 5. Teachers provide timely and meaningful feedback using a wide variety of ways so that students can self correct their understanding and output. (See <i>ACTFL Core Practices.</i>)
2c. Proficiency Targets	Proficiency targets based on the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines are set, reflect the national norm (based on 135-150 hours of instruction for every sub proficiency level), but are not communicated to students, families, or other stakeholders.			Proficiency targets based on the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines are set, reflect the national norm (based on 135-150 hours of instruction for every sub proficiency level), and are communicated to students, families, and other stakeholders.
3. Staff				
3a. Highly Qualified	FL Teachers are licensed and highly proficient (as determined through target language interview process which includes members of	FL Teachers are licensed and highly proficient (as determined through target language interview process which	FL Teachers are highly qualified (http://www.nadsfl.org/docs/pdf/resources/documents/Q_to_consider_w hen_hiring_a_WL_tea	FL Teachers are highly qualified (http://www.nadsfl.org/docs/pdf/resources/documents/Q_to_consider_when_hiring_a_WL_teacher.pdf), licensed, and highly proficient (as determined through target language interview process which includes

	the foreign language department).	includes members of the foreign language department).	her.pdf), licensed, and highly proficient (as determined through target language interview process which includes members of the foreign language department).	members of the foreign language department). They have training in elementary specific pedagogy.
3b. Lifelong Learners	70% of teachers consistently engage in lifelong learning, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● involvement in professional learning communities or networks, web resource curation ● action research ● author articles and/or studies ● present at conferences, etc. 	80% of teachers consistently engage in lifelong learning, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● involvement in professional learning communities or networks, web resource curation ● action research ● author articles and/or studies ● present at conferences, etc. 	90% of teachers consistently engage in lifelong learning, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● involvement in professional learning communities or networks, web resource curation ● action research ● author articles and/or studies ● present at conferences, etc. 	All teachers consistently engage in lifelong learning, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● involvement in professional learning communities or networks, web resource curation ● action research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● author articles and/or studies ● present at conferences, etc.
3c. Professional Development	70% of teachers participate in varied FL specific professional development, presenting, attending sessions, workshops, webinars, conferences, etc.	80% of teachers participate in varied FL specific professional development, presenting, attending sessions, workshops, webinars, conferences, etc.	90% of teachers participate in varied FL specific professional development, presenting, attending sessions, workshops, webinars, conferences, etc.	All teachers participate in varied FL specific professional development, presenting, attending sessions, workshops, webinars, conferences, etc.
3d. Professional Membership	70% of teachers are supported in participation in varied FL specific	80% of teachers are supported in participation in varied	90% of teachers are supported in participation in varied	100% of faculty participate in foreign language specific organization membership such as MaFLA, ACTFL,

	professional development, presenting, attending sessions, workshops, webinars, conferences, etc.	FL specific professional development, presenting, attending sessions, workshops, webinars, conferences, etc.	FL specific professional development, presenting, attending sessions, workshops, webinars, conferences, etc.	EMFLA, a foreign language collaborative, etc.
Advocacy				
4a. Promoting Language Learning in the Community	Evidence for 2 of the 4 bullets exists, but is not consistent.	Evidence for 3 of the 4 bullets exists, but is not consistent.	Families, the district, and the community are sporadically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> informed through a variety of means (town newspaper, district mailings and website, social media, student take-home flyers...) of FL related events, accomplishments and programming. informed of foreign language research and innovations. invited to events and displays. invited to participate in periodic surveys related to language interest, program goals, program impact, etc. Students, FL teachers, 	Families, the district, and the community are regularly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> informed through a variety of means (town newspaper, district mailings and website, social media, student take-home flyers...) of FL related events, accomplishments and programming. informed of foreign language research and innovations. invited to events and displays. invited to participate in periodic surveys related to language interest, program goals, program impact, etc. Students, FL teachers, administrators also participate.

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4b. Service Learning in the Community	Some service learning takes place, but is not systemic.			At least one formal opportunity per year is provided for students to participate in service learning within the school district or the larger community.
Achievement				
5a. Performance Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Performance assessments are an instrument of assessment in the program. ● Performance assessments are occasionally administered. ● Department-wide rubrics are created by the department to align with ACTFL performance descriptors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Performance assessments are an important instrument of assessment in the program. ● Performance assessments are occasionally administered. ● Department-wide rubrics are created to align with ACTFL performance descriptors. ● Department-wide rubrics with student work are calibrated by members of all levels (K-5/6) of the department. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Performance assessments are the driving instrument of assessment in the program. ● Performance assessments are administered at meaningful intervals in the program. ● Department-wide rubrics are created to align with ACTFL performance descriptors. ● Department-wide rubrics with student work are calibrated by members of all levels (K-5/6) of the department. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Performance assessments are the driving instrument of assessment in the program. ● Performance assessments are administered consistently at meaningful intervals in the program. ● Department-wide rubrics are created to align with ACTFL performance descriptors. ● Department-wide rubrics with student work are calibrated by members of all levels (K-12) of the department.
5b. Proficiency Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proficiency is externally assessed at least annually in the four 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proficiency is externally and assessed at least 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proficiency is externally and assessed at least 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proficiency is externally assessed at least annually in the four skills or the three modes of communication.

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Overall Quality of the Program				
6a. Resources	<p>Some resources are available to the department and may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • professional foreign language specific library • technology • vertically- and horizontally-articulated curriculum. • thematically-organized authentic resources bank • instructional strategies and assessments bank 			<p>Resources are available to the department in a common planning area, and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • professional foreign language specific library • technology • vertically- and horizontally-articulated curriculum. • thematically-organized authentic resources bank • instructional strategies and assessments bank <p>Time is allocated over the year for inter-level and intra-level program coordination and articulation.</p>
6b.				

Program Review Process	Periodic program evaluation is undertaken based on program goals and internal and external measures of student progress including proficiency. Language offering decisions are made with all the stakeholders.
6c. Other Noteworthy Evidence	<p>Evidence of other noteworthy achievements, qualities, or characteristics not noted in criteria 1-5, based on a dossier. This could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● project based learning, ● exchanges, ● programming that connects with higher ed, ● foreign language week programming, ● student awards in FL, ● teacher awards in FL, ● scholarships in FL, ● other ways that the program is noteworthy.