

Language Policy

Carver Middle School encourages opportunities for students and faculty to discuss and reflect on language usage in various contexts. We understand that language is the foundation in developing the interpersonal communication skills needed to be part of a group. For students, language development and acquisition begins in the home and the language used in the home is part of a student's cultural identity. Thus, students' home language reflects their families and local communities, and as a school we embrace the linguistic diversity of our student body. Because we are a diverse school, we encourage and support multilingualism through our Language Acquisition courses. Additionally, in our Language and Literature courses, we recognize the need to develop the standard academic language used in school for instruction so that students' language use will reflect that they are members of a school community and a national and global community as well. In summation, as an IB MYP school, we strive to validate and respect students' home language, encourage students' acquisition of foreign languages, and advance students' proficiency in standard academic language.