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collaboration from WMU  
academic units including*

College of Arts and Sciences

*Department of Spanish*

*Department of Foreign Languages*

*Department of English*

College of Education

*Department of Teaching, Learning and  
Educational Studies*

*Department of Special Education and  
Literacy Studies*

College of Health and Human Services

*Department of Speech Pathology and  
Audiology*

Haenicke Institute for Global Education

*Career English Language Center  
for International Students*

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Center for Multilingualism in Michigan  
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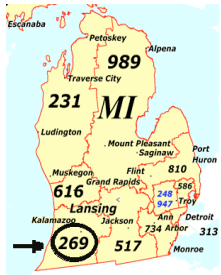


**Center for  
Multilingualism  
in Michigan**

Expanding K-12 World  
Language Education &  
Heritage Language  
Maintenance ESL  
Programs

# Mission

The WMU Center for Multilingualism in Michigan will work in collaboration with 269 area code school districts and ISDs that are interested in creating and/or expanding K-12 world language education programs or heritage language maintenance ESL programs.



The Center will engage University personnel from various academic units in a collective effort to build on their expertise in the areas of professional competence, professional recognition, and professional service to pursue Center goals and objectives, which are mutually beneficial to WMU and to the surrounding community.



# Goals

- 1) Facilitate more/better language education initiatives in our public schools for the benefit of students throughout Southwest Michigan
- 2) Address the growing need in Southwest Michigan for language education that leads to increased academic achievement and better career opportunities
- 3) Help Southwest Michigan schools comply with federal/state legislation by offering a quality education that includes two languages for all students
- 4) Better prepare Kalamazoo area students to take advantage of *The Promise* and succeed in higher education and beyond
- 5) Advance WMU's core mission to support community and regional partnerships that elevate civic, cultural, social, and economic life
- 6) Advance WMU's mission to provide leadership in teaching, research, learning, and public service
- 7) Stimulate and strengthen interdisciplinary research/professional development at WMU with simultaneous benefits to external constituencies
- 8) Demonstrate that WMU is a responsive academic community by focusing on the need to develop foundations for achievement in our multilingual society
- 9) Recruit more/better students to WMU in the future by investing human resources in area schools now

# Objectives

## Stage 1: PROVIDE RESOURCES

The Center website will provide a resource area for starting/running K-12 world language education programs and heritage language maintenance ESL programs.

## Stage 2: PROVIDE SERVICES

The Center will facilitate the formation of research/development partnerships in language education between WMU faculty/students and area schools. During their involvement WMU partners may provide consultation, collaboration, and/or supervising services to districts. The Center will endeavor to promote summer courses at WMU for area teachers to learn more about world language education and heritage language maintenance ESL education.

## Stage 3: PROVIDE FINANCIAL AID

Donations may one day permit the Center to offer research/development awards to WMU faculty/students and to district personnel for projects that promote Center goals.

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