

Kalispel Language Assessment and Planning Project

Kalispel Language Goals

Five Year Vision and Goals

Below are draft long-term goals for a variety of constituents of the Kalispel tribal community. These goals were developed in response to the Community Language Survey and with the feedback from community focus groups. Focus groups included: Elders, youth, agency heads, fluent and semi-fluent speakers, on-reservations and off-reservation members. On the following pages, these long-term goals are broken down into year-on-year goals. The Five Year Vision and Goal tell us what we will have achieved in five years if we achieve the year-on-year goals and supporting objectives.

Community Group	Five Year Vision and Goal
Culture Department Apprentice Speakers	Culture Department Apprentice speakers are highly fluent in Kalispel language and culture.
Other Apprentice Speakers	There are now 30 new fluent speakers of Kalispel.
Children Ages 0-6	The Camas Path Childcare Program's Kalispel Immersion Language Nest is fully operational and serves children ages 0-6 (including Kindergarten) and their families in an environment rich in Kalispel language and culture.
School Age Kids: Grades 1-6	The Kalispel Tribe has launched an immersion school that will serve children, Kindergarten through 6th Grade, and their families.
School Age Kids: Grades 7-12	Kalispel students in grades 7-12 have the opportunity to study subject area classes (math, PE, social studies, etc.) in Kalispel language and to graduate from high school as fluent speakers of Kalispel.
Off Reservation Membership	Off-reservation Kalispel people are able to learn Kalispel language via the Internet, and Spokane area families and children are learning Kalispel at a language learning center located in Spokane (or Airway Heights).
Young Adults, Families, Community	Fifty Kalispel community members are actively participating in regular Kalispel classes as well as cultural and social events using Kalispel language.
Semi-Fluent Speakers	Most semi-fluent speakers of Kalispel have become fully fluent and regularly use the language in the community and with their families, and they regularly meet to speak with each other, with fluent speakers, and with new learners.
Fluent Speakers	All fluent speakers of Kalispel are empowered to speak the language in the community and with their families, and they regularly meet to speak with each other, and with new learners.
Employees	All employees of the Kalispel Tribe use at least some Kalispel language on the job on a daily basis, and many employees have become fluent in Kalispel. Some employees perform their jobs using only Kalispel language.
Language Preservation	The Kalispel Tribe has established a full library of transcribed and translated audio and video language recordings that are open to the tribal community.
Kalispel Media	The Kalispel tribal community has ready access to dozens of Kalispel language media materials including children's books, videos, card games, software applications, posters, and computer games.