



## WORLD LANGUAGES

Our Modern Languages curriculum focuses on communication about the present-day, living cultures in which French, German and Spanish are used. The emphasis is on being proficient in the three modes of communication: Interpretive, Interpersonal, and Presentational. Below is a description of the three modes:

### **Interpersonal**

This is two-way communication between individuals using receptive skills (listening and reading sometimes enhanced by viewing) and productive skills (speaking and writing sometimes enhanced by showing). Individuals actively negotiate meaning (examples: conversations, personal letters, e-mails)

### **- Interpretive**

This is one-way communication using receptive skills, sometimes enhanced by viewing. In this mode, you focus on the appropriate interpretation of meanings in spoken and written language where there is no recourse to actively negotiate meaning with the speaker or writer (examples: text, movie, radio broadcasts)

### **- Presentational**

This is one-way communication using productive skills of speaking and writing, sometimes enhanced by showing. In this mode, you create formal messages to be interpreted by listeners or readers without the opportunity for active negotiation of meaning (examples: writing of report, article and presentation of speeches)