MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE OF CURRICULUM

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Interpersonal Communication

- GI.1 The student will exchange simple spoken and written information in German.
 - 1. Use basic greetings, farewells, and expressions of courtesy both orally and in writing.
 - 2. Express likes and dislikes, requests, descriptions, and directions.
 - 3. Ask and answer questions about familiar topics.
- GI.2 The student will sustain brief oral and written exchanges in German, using familiar phrases and sentences.
 - 1. Initiate, sustain, and close brief oral and written exchanges with emphasis on the present time.
 - 2. Use proper formal and informal forms of address in familiar situations.
 - Use nonverbal communication and simple paraphrasing to convey and comprehend messages.

Interpretive Communication: Listening and Reading for Understanding

- GI.3 The student will understand simple spoken and written German presented through a variety of media and based on familiar topics.
 - 1. Identify key words, cognates and some formulaic expressions when listening and reading.
 - 2. Comprehend simple, culturally authentic oral and written materials, such as announcements, messages, and advertisements that use familiar vocabulary, grammar, and formulaic expressions with significant contextual support.
 - 3. Follow simple instructions about classroom procedures and the use of technology.
- GI.4 The student will use verbal and nonverbal cues to understand simple spoken and written messages in German.

- 1. Differentiate among basic types of statements, questions, and exclamations.
- 2. Use basic culturally appropriate gestures, body language, and intonation to clarify the message.

Presentational Communication: Speaking and Writing

- GI.5 The student will present information orally and in writing in German, using a variety of familiar vocabulary, phrases, and structural patterns.
 - 1. Present basic information gathered from informal conversations, class presentations, interviews, readings, and a variety of media sources.
 - 2. Present basic information about topics such as self, family members and others, events, interests, school, recreational activities, and personal belongings with emphasis on present time.
 - 3. Demonstrate increasing attention to accurate intonation and pronunciation.
 - 4. Demonstrate increasing attention to accurate word order, punctuation diacritical marks, and spelling.
 - 5. Write simple sentences on familiar topics in short paragraph style.
- GI.6 The student will present rehearsed material in German, including brief narratives, monologues, dialogues, poetry, and songs.
 - 1. Use appropriate verbal and nonverbal techniques, such as voice inflection, gestures, and facial expressions.
 - 2. Communicate coherent ideas, using appropriate visual and technological support.

Cultural Perspectives, Practices, and Products

- GI.7 The student will develop an awareness of common perspectives, practices, and products of German-speaking cultures.
 - 1. Identify main viewpoints of German-

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speaking cultures, such as those relating to the concept of time, education, transportation, and the roles of family members.

- 2. Identify key customs and traditions of German-speaking cultures, such as greetings, celebrations, holiday practices, and forms of address that demonstrate politeness.
- 3. Identify important historical and contemporary individuals and groups associated with significant events from German-speaking cultures.
- 4. Identify some products of Germanspeaking cultures, such as natural and manufactured items, creative and fine arts, forms of recreation, pastimes, dwellings, regionally-specific language, and symbols.
- GI.8 The student will recognize that perspectives, practices, and products of German-speaking cultures studied are interrelated.
 - 1. Recognize that the viewpoints, customs and traditions, and products of German speakers shape their cultures.
 - Identify major cities, regions, and geographical features in Germanspeaking countries and the reasons they are significant in the history and cultures of those countries.

Making Connections through Language

- GI.9 The student will connect information about German and German-speaking culture(s) with concepts studied in other subject areas.
 - 1. Identify the use of German and the German-speaking cultures in other subject areas.
 - 2. Relate content from other subject areas to topics discussed in German class, such as the contributions of German-speaking immigrants and current events from German-speaking countries.

Linguistic and Cultural Comparisons

- GI.10 The student will compare basic elements of German to those of English and other languages.
 - 1. Recognize cognates, genders, levelappropriate idioms, and differences in writing systems.
 - 2. Recognize differences in sound systems including basic sound distinctions and intonation patterns and their effects on the communication of meaning.
- GI.11 The student will demonstrate understanding of the significance of culture through comparisons between German-speaking cultures and the cultures of the United States.
 - 1. Compare patterns of behavior and interaction found in the United States with those found in German-speaking cultures
 - 2. Recognize differences in social practices and personal interactions among cultures
 - 3. Recognize the unique elements of the student's own culture.

Interacting in School and Global Communities

- GI.12 The student will explore situations in which to use German language skills and cultural knowledge beyond the classroom setting for recreational, educational, and occupational purposes.
 - 1. Find and present examples of the German language and the cultures of German-speaking countries or regions gathered from interaction with German speakers, and authentic media, technology, or entertainment.
 - 2. Use resources, such as individuals and organizations in the community or technology, to gain information about the German-speaking world.