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### **GERMAN II**

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### **Interpersonal Communication**

- GII.1 The student will exchange spoken and written information and ideas in German.
  - 1. Give and follow basic instructions.
  - 2. Ask and answer questions about self, others, and the immediate environment, such as exchanges concerning people, things, plans, events, feelings, emotions, and geographic direction and location.
- GII.2 The student will initiate, sustain, and close brief oral and written exchanges in German, using familiar and recombined phrases and sentences.
  - 1. Participate in brief oral and written exchanges that reflect present, past, and future time frames.
  - Use nonverbal communication and paraphrasing to convey and comprehend messages.

# Interpretive Communication: Listening and Reading for Understanding

- GII.3 The student will understand basic spoken and written German presented through a variety of media and in familiar contexts.
  - 1. Identify some details and key words when listening to and reading German.
  - 2. Understand culturally authentic materials, such as announcements, messages, and advertisements in familiar contexts.
  - Understand and respond appropriately to simple instructions presented in informational materials, such as instructions for following recipes or applying technology.
- GII.4 The student will use verbal and nonverbal cues to interpret spoken and written texts in German.
  - 1. Differentiate among increasingly complex types of statements, questions, and exclamations.
  - 2. Interpret culturally appropriate gestures, body language, and intonation in order to clarify the message.

# **Presentational Communication: Speaking and Writing**

- GII.5 The student will present information orally and in writing in German, combining learned and original language in connected sentences and paragraphs on familiar topics.
  - 1. Relate in some detail the main ideas from level-appropriate authentic materials.
  - 2. Present information, using structures that reflect present, past, and future time.
  - 3. Demonstrate attention to accurate intonation and pronunciation.
  - 4. Demonstrate attention to accurate word order, punctuation, diacritical marks, and spelling.
- GII.6 The student will present in German rehearsed and unrehearsed material, for example, skits, poems, plays, short narratives, and songs that reflect the culture of German-speaking regions or countries.
  - 1. Use appropriate verbal and nonverbal techniques, such as voice inflection, gestures, and facial expressions.
  - 2. Communicate ideas in an organized manner, using appropriate visual and technological support.

# **Cultural Perspectives, Practices, and Products**

- GII.7 The student will demonstrate understanding of the perspectives, practices, and products of German-speaking regions and countries and the ways these cultural aspects are interrelated.
  - 1. Participate in authentic or simulated cultural activities, such as family gatherings, holiday celebrations, and community events.
  - 2. Identify and discuss patterns of behavior typically associated with German-speaking cultures, such as those relating to business practices, traditional religious customs, and family dynamics.
  - 3. Explore the influence of the geography and history of German-speaking regions and countries on cultural elements, such as

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food, clothing, dwellings, transportation, language, music, and art.

### **Making Connections through Language**

- GII.8 The student will use information acquired in the study of German and information acquired in other subject areas to reinforce one another.
  - 1. Give examples of the influence of the German language and German-speaking culture(s) on other subject areas, such as the use of German words in the English language or the contributions of individuals and groups from German-speaking regions and countries.
  - 2. Compare information acquired in other subject areas to topics discussed in German class, such as inventors, scientists, philosophers, musicians, artists, and athletes.

#### **Linguistic and Cultural Comparisons**

- GII.9 The student will develop a deeper understanding of the English and other languages through study of German.
  - 1. Recognize critical sound distinctions and intonation patterns in the German and English languages and their effects on the communication of meaning.
  - 2. Compare the diverse and unique aspects of vocabulary usage and structural patterns of German and English.
- GII.10 The student will demonstrate understanding of similarities and differences between the German-speaking world and their own.
  - 1. Identify similarities and differences of traditions, such as those related to holidays, foods, family, and celebrations.
  - 2. Identify similarities and differences of geography and their impact on aspects of culture, such as clothing, dwellings, transportation, recreation, food, and art.
  - 3. Compare the use of idiomatic expressions in the target language and German.

#### Interacting in School and Global Communities

- GII.11 The student will apply German language skills and cultural knowledge in opportunities beyond the classroom setting for recreational, educational, and occupational purposes.
  - 1. Explain aspects of German culture discovered through interaction with other German speakers, and authentic media, technology, or entertainment.
  - 2. Use German-language resources, such as individuals and organizations in the community or accessible through technology, to reinforce cultural knowledge of the German speaking world.