Why Learn French & German?

Wouldn't you like to speak, read, and write in a different language? How about learn about culture? If you take French or German, you will engage in fun projects, skits, songs, physical activities, games, and parties. You could even earn one high school credit the fun way! *Laissez les bon temps rouler! Los geht's!* (Let the good times roll!)

### French

**Did You Know...?**

- Learning French will help you understand your own language!
- Nearly 30% of modern English words find their origins in French.
- French is spoken in 57 countries and territories on 5 major continents.
- France has the fifth largest economy in the world.
- France is Georgia's 3rd largest trading partner.
- There are 70 French companies doing business in Fulton County.
- French is an official language of our largest trading partner, Canada, the United Nations, International Olympic Committee, and International Red Cross.
- More tourists visit France than any other country in the world.

**Middle schools offer French as a high school credit with successful completion of the 7th and 8th grade years.**

### German

**Did You Know...?**

- German is the most widely spoken language in Europe!
- German has approximately 120 million native speakers.
- German is the 3rd most taught foreign language in the world.
- 18% of the world's books are published in German.
- Germany has the largest economy in the European Union and the 4th largest in the world.
- Germany is the second largest exporter in the world.
- Germans are world leaders in engineering.
- German is not difficult to learn for English speakers.
- Germany is in the top 5 of trading partners with the U.S.
- German companies account for 700,000 jobs in the United States making it the 3rd largest foreign employer in the U.S.
- The U.S. is the largest foreign employer in Germany.
- German companies found in the United States: Adidas, Aldi, Audi, Bayer, Bosch, Braun, BMW, Daimler Chrysler, DHL, Hugo Boss, Lufthansa, Mercedes-Benz, Puma, T-Mobile, Porsche, Siemens, Volkswagen