WORLD LANGUAGES PHILOSOPHY
French, Spanish, Japanese and Chinese

Language and communication are at the heart of the human experience and individual identity. Therefore, it is imperative that all students have opportunities to become equipped both linguistically and culturally in other languages to establish and maintain relationships, and to function confidently within a global society.

We believe that the primary purpose of learning another language is to develop the ability to communicate effectively in real-life contexts. We recognize that a communicative approach, that meaningfully integrates authentic resources and technology, is essential to successful language acquisition.

We also believe that the learning of other languages:

- develops students’ appreciation of cultural diversity, understanding of the connection between language and culture, and awareness of their own linguistic and cultural heritage
- inspires curiosity and further develops communicative strategies and higher-level thinking skills for life-long language acquisition
- provides access to new bodies of knowledge and helps students connect this learning to other disciplines