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French/Italian- Level 3

World Languages Departmental "Why" Statement:

The World Languages department fosters the development of global citizens that are empathetic, collaborative, respectful of self and others as they contribute positively to the world communities through their acceptance and understanding of different cultures and perspectives.

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Shared Valued Outcome of Focus	**Communicators** *articulate thoughts, feelings, information and ideas in a variety of forms and contexts.* *Communication Skills* **Committed Individuals** *exhibit dispositions and "habits of mind" that lead to growth in self and concern for others* *Committed Individuals Skills*
National and State Learning Standards	ACTFL National Standards (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) New York State World Languages Standards
Course Understandings	• Learning another language helps us to understand other cultures and our own. • Culture and language influence and reflect each other • Historic events, cultural beliefs and values influence art • Experiencing different cultural perspectives widens the lens to a richer understanding of the world. • Today's world has become 'smaller' due to extensive communication resources and technology. Effective communication is essential. It is based on understanding the effect of culture on language and oral / written expression. • Technology and social media have brought people from all cultures together united in a global community
Course Essential Questions	• How does the language of the culture studied influence the identity of a person? • What political, environmental, and social challenges are facing societies today? • How does education impact a society? • What is the influence of cultural products, practices and perspectives in contemporary life? • How does social networking impact world communities? • To what extent do the advancements in science and technology impact our lives?
	• Social Relationships/personal and public identities

Key Units and Topics	○ Describing friendships and relationships, fights and making up ○ Countries and geography, nationalities ● Contemporary life – ○ Professions ○ Volunteerism ● Travel/Technology - ○ Booking a trip, arriving to the airport. ○ Environmental problems and environmental aspects of travel, transportation options, providing rationale for your travel choices, ecotourism ● Global Issues/Challenges ○ Environmental - what are the problems and how do we solve them ● Science and technology ○ Environment - how to solve the challenges ● Health - ○ Accidents/ injuries ○ Illnesses and mental illness (medicine and natural medicine) ○ Nutrition and staying in shape