



Liberty Middle School

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German 1 (for High School Credit)

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Classroom Digital Platforms	Click here to view my Webpage! Schoolology			
Textbook Information, Required Texts, and Other Instructional Materials	<i>Deutsch Aktuell: Level 1, Wolfgang Kraft</i> Class materials will be glued into a classroom interactive notebook. <u>Students should come to class daily with their Chromebook fully charged.</u> For students who do not have an assigned Chromebook, accommodations will be made. <i>Parents and guardians can access our other supplementary materials in our Schoolology classroom!</i>			
Course Description	<p>This course focuses on the language learner's ability to communicate about topics relating to themselves, such as self-description, basic needs, daily activities, preferences, everyday conversation, family, and friends. Students will read, listen to, speak, and write the target language at the novice level. Students will explore various aspects of the target culture through authentic texts and speeches, visuals, and hands-on learning.</p> <p>The final grade is calculated in the student's high school GPA. Upon successful completion of Level I German, the student receives a Carnegie Unit towards graduation.</p> <p>Alabama State Standards for World Languages</p>			
Course Objectives	<p>Students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Communicate on familiar topics using words, phrases, and simple sentences (sometimes memorized)➤ Ask and answer simple questions and give basic information➤ Write brief paragraphs about familiar topics in the present tense➤ Restate information using present and immediate future time tenses on everyday life➤ Read and understand simple sentences on familiar topics & sometimes the main topic of what is being said➤ Present basic information on familiar topics➤ Recite songs and short skits➤ Gesture to enhance comprehension, use connecting words, prepositions, & high-frequency phrases➤ Appreciate German culture around the world!			
Course Outline	<p><u>The order and content of units are subject to change. Actual coursework will be posted in Schoolology weekly.</u></p> <table><tr><td>Units</td></tr><tr><td>Introduction: Procedures, & Getting to know each other!</td></tr><tr><td>Unit 1: The Basics - Greetings & Introductions, the German Alphabet, Accents, &</td></tr></table>	Units	Introduction: Procedures, & Getting to know each other!	Unit 1: The Basics - Greetings & Introductions, the German Alphabet, Accents, &
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	<p>Step 5: Referral to administration for repeat Class I violations and initial Class II and Class III offenses</p> <p>All progressive discipline will correspond with the Madison City Schools Code of Conduct regarding Class I and II offenses. Class III offenses are a direct office referral.</p> <p>(Madison City Schools Code of Conduct)</p>
Grading Policy (MCS Policy)	<p>70% = High School Credit Assessments (tests, quizzes, projects) 30% = High School Daily Grades (classwork, homework, participation)</p> <p>*A failing grade is considered a 64% or lower in the Madison City School District*</p>
Late Work Policy	<p>Students present in class on the day of instruction are expected to turn in all in-class and out-of-class assignments on time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ One day late (10% off of the original grade) ➤ Two days late (20% off of the original grade) ➤ More than 3 days late (50% off of the original grade)
Make-up Work/Test Policy	<p>Students present in class on the day of instruction are expected to turn in all in-class and out-of-class assignments <u>on time</u>. Students with excused absences will be allowed to make up all work within three days of returning to school (unless there are extenuating circumstances). <u>It is the student's responsibility to ask for make-up work.</u> Students can ask a classmate or the teacher for help. Additionally, students are welcome (and encouraged) to ask for a pass to come into my classroom <u>before school starts (after 7:40) on Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays to work on make-up work.</u> Work that is not made up will become a zero in the gradebook (including quizzes/tests).</p>
Materials & Supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ One composition-style notebook ➤ One folder or binder for class materials ➤ Blue/black ink pens ➤ Loose-leaf paper ➤ Charged Chromebook ➤ Personal, corded headphones/earbuds (optional) <p><i>There is a \$10 class fee for German I</i></p>
Cheating/Plagiarism	<p>A student who is caught cheating/plagiarizing will be given one attempt to redo the assignment for full credit. Refusal to redo the assignment and/or cheating/plagiarizing on the redo attempt will result in a 0 on the assignment. If any other student(s) has cooperated in cheating, that student is also considered to have cheated and will be given the same conditions. Cheating students will also be subject to the consequences in the disciplinary consequences in Section XXII of this CSC. Cheating is defined to include, but is not limited to:</p> <p>(a) copying someone else's work in or out of class, and identifying and submitting it as your own</p> <p>(b) failing to quote and/or list appropriate citations for material derived from published sources (including the Internet) and identifying and submitting it as your own</p> <p>(c) The use of unauthorized notes, other materials, or assistance during the accomplishment of graded work in or out of class</p> <p>(d) any other situation in which the student attempts to or accepts credit for work not his or her own.</p>
Statement on the use of translators	<p>Use of an online translator (e.g., Google Translate, DeepL, etc.) is considered <u>academic dishonesty and plagiarism</u>. The assignment will receive a zero, and the student will be required to redo the assignment to show his/her own work. Their resubmission will be considered for full credit. Refusal to redo the assignment and/or cheating/plagiarizing on the redo attempt will result in a 0 on the assignment.</p>

	Multiple infractions will result in parent contact and detention. Copying another student's work will also be treated as academic dishonesty and plagiarism for all students involved. <u>Perfect language is not the goal, nor is it expected in this course. We want to see YOUR work only.</u>
Homework	<p>There will be no official homework as students are given ample time to complete their work during class. That said, the due dates for class assignments and projects will not be moved unless deemed necessary, even if a student has not finished their work in class. As such, if a student does not finish their work in the time given in class, they will be <u>expected to finish it at home and turn it in on time.</u> Failure to do so will result in grade deductions for each day it is late (see Late Work Policy above). Exceptions will not be made unless there are extenuating circumstances.</p> <p>It would also be helpful, but not necessary, if students reviewed new vocabulary and/or concepts learned at least once a week. We recommend at least 10-15 minutes of review daily, or at least 1 hour weekly. Duolingo is a great, free app that will enrich your students' language learning experience. Students will have some cultural projects to complete during the class that will require some work at home.</p>
Parent & Student Acknowledgment Form	<p>Hallo und Willkommen - Hello and Welcome! I am so happy to be your German teacher this year! I look forward to sharing my love of the German language and culture with you and to learning and growing together over the course of this class!</p> <p><u>Please see ParentSquare to review and sign that you and your child(ren) have read the syllabus and understand the class expectations.</u> Upon request, paper copies will be made available.</p>

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