



Liberty Middle School

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German Survey A Dr. Jennifer François

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Classroom Digital Platforms	Webpage Link Schoology Link (Coming Soon) This course will be run through our Schoology course tile as per district recommendation. All necessary instructional materials will be available in the Schoology course, and assignments will be submitted electronically through Schoology. <u>Students should come to class daily with their Chromebook fully charged.</u> For students who do not yet have an assigned Chromebook, I will make accommodations.
Textbook Information	<i>Exploring German, ISBN: 978-0-82194-041-9</i> The link to the electronic textbook will be shared when available.
Course Description and Objectives	This survey course of German will involve listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills involving familiar topics. Students will understand and respond to simple expressions. They will speak and write using learned vocabulary in this introduction to the German language and culture that they will explore during the survey. A minimum of one survey of world language class is required for all sixth grade students.
Course Outline	9 Week Plan *Subject to Change Unit 1: Introductions, likes/dislikes, sports, hobbies, school and classroom procedures Unit 2: Colors, numbers, animals, clothing, classroom items and commands, family members Unit 3: Expressing feelings, German songs, labeling common objects Unit 4: Activities, events, holidays, celebrations, children's poetry, rhymes, and table manners Unit 5: Transportation, planets, telling time Unit 6: Cognates (words that look or sound the same), formal/informal language, comparing sound systems Unit 7: Common gestures, comparing food, clothing, toys, stories, and behavior patterns Unit 8: Restaurants, grocery stores, and weekly markets Unit 9: German politics and government, geography of German-speaking countries Unit 10: Culture Project Week (will be combined with week 9 if needed)
Classroom Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Be on time and in class daily. ➤ Be prepared with your supplies. ➤ Be alert and <u>active</u> in class activities. ➤ <u>Listen quietly and respectfully</u> when others are talking or during instruction. ➤ Respect your surroundings, classmates, and teacher. Keep your hands to yourself! ➤ Be open to trying new things and stepping outside of your comfort zone. We all make mistakes - me too! Focus on what you can do instead of what you cannot do in German--you are a beginner, and perfect performance in German is neither expected nor required. ➤ Obey all rules and policies stated in the Student Handbook.
Progressive Discipline <i>(LMS Policy)</i>	Step 1: Verbal warning Step 2: Student/teacher conference Step 3: Parent contact/conference Step 4: Detention and a parent contact Step 5: Office referral
Grading Policy	Grades should be checked in PowerSchool only.

(MCS Policy)	<p>60% = Assessments (Tests, Essays, Projects) 40% = Daily Grades (Quizzes, Homework, Classwork, and Participation)</p>
Late Work Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ One day late (10 points off from 100% total) ➤ Two days late (20 points off from 100% total) ➤ More than 3 days late (50% off from 100% total)
Make-up Work/Test Policy	<p>Students with excused absences will be allowed to make-up all work within three days of returning to school. It is the student's responsibility to ask for make-up work. Students can get with a classmate or ask the teacher for help. Work that is not made up will become a zero (including quizzes/tests). Many times, missed quizzes and tests can be made up during school.</p>
Statement on use of translators	<p>Use of an online translator (e.g. Google Translate) is considered academic dishonesty and plagiarism. The assignment will receive a zero, and the student will be required to redo the assignment to show his/her own work. Multiple infractions will result in parent contact and office referral. Copying another student's work will also be treated as academic dishonesty and plagiarism for all students involved. Perfect language is not the goal, nor is it expected in this course. We want to see YOUR work only.</p>
Materials & Supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fully-charged Chromebook ● Pencil or pen ● Expo Marker ● Journal/Notebook (optional) ● Highlighter (optional)
Homework	<p>Students will have very little "homework" to complete, but you are expected to review class materials and study new terms, grammar, expressions, and cultural content at home DAILY. Failure to do so will make this course much harder for you. We recommend at least 30 minutes of review each week. Students will have some cultural projects to complete during the term that will require some work at home.</p>
Parent & Student Acknowledgment Form	<p>Guten Tag und Willkommen (hello and welcome)! I am so happy to be your German teacher this year. I look forward to sharing my knowledge of the German language and culture with you! Please follow this link to indicate that both the student and a parent have read this syllabus. I will email you weekly to provide a class agenda. Vielen Dank und viel Spaß beim Deutschlernen!</p>

This syllabus is subject to change.