Deutsch 2

Class Goals, Expectations & Grading

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Willkommen in Deutsch 2! I am pleased that you have chosen to continue in German as your World Language elective! Please take a moment to look over the following class goals and expectations:

Goals:

• To achieve competency in the German language at a middle level in the areas of chores, shopping for food, giving directions, books and movie vocabulary. Students will communicate on these topics by listening, speaking, reading and writing.

• To understand German culture through activities and readings based on daily life.

• To further their interest in learning how world cultures relate to own lives, and a desire to learn more about the German language and culture!

• To have FUN learning a new language!

Expectations:

• Respect for everyone in the class. (Please let me know if you are being bothered by anyone in the class. Teachers do not always see or hear everything!)

• Respect for other people’s property – including the classroom furniture and resources!

• Attendance. On time and prepared (book, workbook, notebook/binder, pen/pencil). You will be considered tardy if not in the room when the bell rings. 3x = call home and the 4th will be a referral. \*First hour is sent straight to the office.\*

• Effort. Learning a language requires you to use all 4 modalities: speaking, writing, listening, and reading. You have to do it to learn it!

• Participation!! You’ll find you have a lot of fun in class when you are really a part of it! Say it right, say it wrong, but say it!!!!

• No food is to be brought into the classroom.

Make up work/ Retests:

It is your responsibility to find out what you missed after an absence. Be sure to ask me about what you missed. Homework will then be due the next day. You may take one retest on major tests. All make up tests/quizzes and retakes will be taken in class no later than two days after the absence. The highest grade you can get on a retest is 85%.

Materials needed: Pen/pencil, 3-ring binder with paper or notebook.

Class Evaluation

Grading:

Grades will be based on a percentage of points earned throughout the trimester in the areas of: quizzes, tests, daily homework, projects & class participation. You MUST PASS the district final for level 1 in order to continue to level 2. The final test is worth 20% of your grade.

Your grade will be weighted on the following areas:

Tri A Tri B

Tests 40% 40%

Quizzes 20% 20%

Homework/Classwork 15% 15%

Performance/Project 15% 15%

Summative Assessments (2) 10% 10%

Tests and Quizzes:

• Tests are taken in class at the end of each chapter/unit. I will announce the test 2 days prior. Parts may be retaken if you re-test as soon as possible. (within 1 week is best) \*Do not wait too long to take the test!\*

\* Quizzes will be announced the day before.

Performance:

• All performances are done in class and are written or oral. (Most of these are group performances so attendance is needed on the day of the performance.) Being absent may mean loss of credit.

• Projects are mostly done in class but may require additional time to complete at home or after school.

Class Participation:

• To really learn a language, it must be used as much as possible. Daily participation is essential to gaining a good understanding of the language.

Homework:

All Homework is due at the beginning of the hour. Full credit is given to absent work but Half credit it given to late work if it is done well and turned in the next day! Homework is a big part of the accumulative process of learning a language. In other words, what is learned in German 2 will be used in the other levels. For this reason, it is important to do homework every day!! Part of this daily homework includes reviewing vocabulary and phrases learned that day and on previous days for at least 10-15 minutes per day!!

Grades are determined on a straight percentage:

100-90% = A 79-70% = C

89-80% = B 69-60% = D

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