



German I Syllabus

Dear Parents:

It is my pleasure to be your son's /daughter's German Teacher. My name is Paul Moore and I have been teaching German for 25 years. I think German is an important language in the world today for many reasons but the most obvious in this region is the more than 175 German companies located in the area that provide over 22,000 jobs. I also taught German at BMW and I saw first hand how important German is as a business language. It will open many doors in the many German companies located in the Upstate.

The grading scale in this class is the school wide grading scale as listed in the Dorman handbook. The grades in this class will be figured using the following formula.

10% Participation and improvement grade
(see attached rubric for details)

40% Listening tests , Conversation grade, in class essays

40% Test and quiz grades

10% Homework grades

The conversation grade is very important in German class. Students will be given a point any time they are called on to speak German. He/She will earn a point as long as they answer in German. At the end of 4-5 weeks I will add up the points and give grades based on 20% of the highest point total. For example if the most conversation points after a 4 week period is 50, any students with between 40 and 50 points would get an A, 30-39 would get a B and so on. This is not a hard grade to earn if you speak German in class. I would love it if everyone would earn an A.

Make – Up work can be made up before school on any day. I am always at school by 7:30. I can also stay after school on any day but Friday but students need to make an

appointment with me. I leave shortly after school on most days if I do not have anyone making up work. **Students must make up work within two weeks of the date the student comes back to school. The student is responsible for asking for the work he/she has missed.**

How can I as a parent help my child do well in class?

It is very important for you parents to support your child in this class. I encourage parents to E-mail or call me about your student's grade. My E-mail is moorepc@spart6.org . I try to print a grade report for your child three times during a 9 weeks. I require the student to get the Mid-term signed. You should look for the other two grade reports about two weeks before and three weeks after the mid-term. Grades are also posted on powerschool and are updated at least once a week.

Parents can also make sure that your son/daughter does his/her homework. For added support I have a website on www.new.schoolnotes.com with lesson plans and test dates. You need to type in the zip code 29376 and find my name. I try to keep the site updated each week. I also have links on the web-site to games that I have made for my students at www.quia.com and the web site for the text book as well as other useful websites. Please encourage you child to use the web-site and the games.

Thank you,

Paul Moore

I have received and read the German Syllabus from Mr. Moore

Student _____

Parent _____