

German III H 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 26 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 in the area that provide over 22,000 jobs. I have taught German at BMW and have seen first hand how important German is as a business language. It will open many doors in many German companies located in the Upstate. The fact that your son/daughter has chosen to continue to study German in the higher levels will give them greater opportunities in college as well as in the working world. I hope your son/daughter will continue to take German here at Dorman or at the college or university they will attend. It will give them a skill that most people do not have.

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, Essays / journal writing.

40% Test and Quiz grades

10% Homework

Students in German III are expected to speak in German as much as possible. (80% of the time) Students will get a conversation grade as in German II but will also participate in 3 to 4 graded speaking activities in addition to the conversation grade. A student may always ask a question about grammar in English and I will explain the grammar in English but the student should expect to speak to me most of the time in German and have me talk to them most of the time in German.

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 your child needs to make an appointment with me. **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.**

Students in German III will need the following items for class.

1. 1 three ring binder
2. 1 flash drive (any size)
3. 1 German pocket dictionary (I recommend Langenscheidt but any one will do.)

How can I help my child do better in German?

There are many ways you as a parent can help your child in my German class. I will have the homework, all class work and test dates posted on the website <http://new.schoolnotes.com/students/main>. All of my students and parents will be able to access this site throughout the year. Simply type in 29376 and my name will appear. Click on my name and it will take you to my webpage. I will try to keep the site updated weekly. I also have some links from my school notes webpage to games I have made for each class on www.quia.com. Students may also go directly to this website and play games made up by other teachers. Try to make sure you and your child use this resource. If your child does not have access to a computer they are welcome to use my computers before school.

I need your help to make sure that your child studies vocabulary at least 3 times a week for at least 20 to 30 minutes. This will improve his/her ability to understand me when I speak German as well as improve his/her ability to speak and read German. **Thank you in advance for your help.**

Thank you,

Paul C. Moore