



German II A 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 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

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.**

How can I help my child do better in German?

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.

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 www.new.schoolnotes.com. 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