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Marvin Ridge High School
1st Semester 2021-22

German III Syllabus

Willkommen zu Deutsch III an Marvin Ridge High School! This course continues on the foundations laid in German I and II and provides greater depth into the German language and culture. We will expand our language abilities in the four areas of speaking, reading, writing, and comprehension. I am confident that if you pay attention and work hard, you will succeed in German!

A. Expectations

1. For the Course

- Sei punktlich – Be **on time** and ready to learn.
- Sei vorbereitet – Be **prepared** for class by having all work completed.
- Sei respektvoll – Be **respectful** of fellow students, teacher, and school property.
- Sei offen – Be **open** to learning about language and culture by challenging yourself!

2. Class Policies

- Be seated and prepared to start class right when the bell rings with all appropriate materials out and ready.
- Wait until transition between activities before getting out of seat (sharpen pencil, throw trash away, etc.)
- Ask for permission to use restroom, sign out, take hall pass, and sign in upon return.
- Only use technology as directed for class-related assignments. Per school policy, cell phones visible any time during the class period will be picked up and taken to the office for the day.
- Wait for the teacher to dismiss class before packing up.

3. Consequences for Not Adhering to Expectations

1. Verbal warning
2. Student/teacher meeting after class
3. Detention and parent contact
4. Administrative referral

B. Grading:

1. Final Grades:

<u>How Final Grades are Calculated</u>

- 1st Six weeks = 25%
- 2nd Six weeks = 25%
- 3rd Six weeks = 25%
- Final Exam = 25%

<u>Grading Scale</u>

A = 90-100%
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69% (59 and below does not pass)

2. **Six Week Grading Periods:**
   Your grade is calculated based on a total points system, which takes the cumulative total points that you have earned for all assignments and divides them by the total number of points possible. You can check Power School at any time to see your percentage grade. In general, tests are worth 80-100 points, depending on quantity of material involved; daily vocabulary quizzes are worth 5 points and periodic grammar quizzes are 20-25 points. Assignments are categorized into speaking, reading comprehension, writing, listening comprehension, and culture, and vocabulary.

C. General Information:

1. **Academic Conduct.**
   Students are expected to follow the Marvin Ridge High School honor code. Cheating or plagiarism will result in a zero on the assignment, parent contact and in most cases a referral to school administration. This includes copying another student's assignment or letting your assignment be copied. Online translators cannot be used to complete assignments, and will result in partial to no credit given. If you need to use an online dictionary to look up a word (or words), mention the source that you consulted on the assignment. These tools should not be used beyond the word level.

2. **Textbook**
   The topics, vocabulary and grammar we will learn this semester will come from the textbook *Mosaik 1* (Vista Higher Learning). You do not need a physical textbook as everything will be posted on Canvas; however, if you feel like having a take home copy would help you, please see me.

3. **Tests**
   There will be a test at the end of each unit. They are usually divided into four sections: Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking. If you receive a grade of 69 or below on a test, please plan on attending the next scheduled tutoring session.

4. **Quizzes**
   There will be frequent unannounced five-question vocabulary quizzes. While they won't necessarily be every day, students should make reviewing vocabulary party of their daily study habits. The lowest five-question vocabulary quiz grade for each six-week grading period will be dropped (minimum 4 quizzes). In addition, there will also be periodic announced grammar quizzes. These are usually done through Canvas, and can be may be retaken multiple times if the student is not satisfied with his/her grade. Quiz retakes may only happen after school during tutoring hours, and only one time per session.

5. **Homework/In-Class Assignments**
   Each homework assignment is worth 2 points. If for some reason (besides excused absence) it is not completed on the due date, it may be handed in ONE day late for 1 point. After that, it is a zero. Please note that it is YOUR responsibility to show the late work for partial credit. Expect to have homework assignments every day.

6. **Class Participation**
   Active participation in class is critical to learning a new language, therefore students are expected to be engaged in class activities and always attempt to use German to the best of their ability. Examples of good class participation include: actively engaging in partner conversations and group work; not sleeping during class; not doing work for other classes; asking questions when needed; putting forth

your best effort to make the most of every learning opportunity. Repeated demonstrations of poor class participation will be addressed first through detention and then parental contact.

7. **Supplies**
   In order to remain organized and be successful in this class, please have the following materials with you every day:

   - Your charged Chromebook
   - Binder with loose-leaf paper and dividers
   - Pencils or Pens

8. **Absences and Late Work**
   It is your responsibility to arrange for make-up work. After an absence, check the class website and/or me to find out about the vocabulary, notes and assignments you missed. You have two days per day of absence to complete make-up assignments. Ask for work in advance of an absence whenever possible.

9. **Tutoring**
   I am here to help you in any way that I can, as long as you are willing to ask. Tutoring is offered twice a week (days to be announced in class) and after school by appointment.

10. **Contact Information**
    If you or your parent/guardian ever has any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach me by email at daniel.sellner@ucps.k12.nc.us or through the school's main phone number 704-290-1520.