

## German I Syllabus

*Willkommen zu Deutsch I an Weddington High School!* This course will be an introduction to the German language and culture. We will focus specifically on the four skills of learning the language: speaking, reading, writing, and listening comprehension. I am confident that if you pay attention and work hard, you will succeed in German!

### A. Expectations

#### 1. For the Course

- Sei pünktlich – 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 (to go to the trash can, ask for the restroom, etc.)
- 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:

##### How Final Grades are Calculated

- 1<sup>st</sup> Six weeks = 25%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Six weeks = 25%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Six weeks = 25%
- Final Exam = 25%

##### Grading Scale

- 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 quizzes are worth 5 points and end of unit quizzes are worth between 30-45 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 Weddington 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. 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.

### **3. Quizzes**

There will be frequent unannounced five-question vocabulary quizzes. While they won't necessarily be every day, students should make reviewing vocabulary part 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 be a cumulative vocabulary quiz at the end of each unit. These are not subject to being dropped.

### **4. 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.

### **5. Class Participation**

Active participation in class is critical to learning a new language; therefore this will be factored into your grade. Students will complete a numerical self-evaluation about their participation in class two times during each six-week grading period. I will also conduct the same evaluation for each student, then take the average of the three scores (two student scores, one teacher score) and that will be the participation grade. Points may be taken away for being disruptive, off task, on your phone, etc.

## **6. 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

## **7. 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.

## **8. Extra Credit**

Each student will receive two passes per 6-week grading period. These passes can be used for one of the following: **1)** a homework pass **2)** a late pass **3)** two points extra credit added into your total points for that grading period. In addition to the passes, there may be other extra credit opportunities throughout the semester. Be aware that extra credit opportunities will **not** be offered for individual students at the end of the semester, so take advantage of the ones that are available to you!

## **9. Help**

I am here to help you in any way that I can, as long as you are willing to ask. My official tutoring hours are Tuesdays, 3 – 5; however, I am often available other times with advance notice.

## **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](mailto:daniel.sellner@ucps.k12.nc.us) or through the school's main phone number 704-708-5530.