

German I/German II  
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German I and German II are designed to prepare students for basic communication in German. The class is equally balanced between oral communication, written communication, reading and grammar. To achieve proficiency in these areas, students must attend class daily and participate actively in each class session.

Komm Mit! and Los Geht's! are the textbooks used for German I and II, respectively. Students are expected to bring their books to class EACH DAY, along with paper and pen or pencil.

There are five components that comprise your grade. Each component is equally weighted (20% of your grade). This means that failure to do one component will lower your grade one letter grade, failure to do two will result in failing the course.

***Daily Participation*** – Being an active participant in class is the best way to learn. Therefore each student will receive 10 points for each class period where you are an active participant. Each class that you are not an active participant will result in a zero.

***Homework*** – Homework assignments are given on a regular basis. They are short and should take no more than 10-20 minutes. Homework is designed to be a refresher of what was taught in class that day.

***Tests*** – Each chapter will have a test with listening, reading and writing components. Students may retest if they make a C or below, however 10 points will be deducted from the final grade.

**Projects** – For each chapter you will create an artistic representation of that chapter. All projects will be due the day of the chapter test. Guidelines and expectations will be handed out for each project. Artistic representations can include, but are not limited to, sculpture, drawings or paintings, original songs or poetry, collages, voicethreads, podcasts or multimedia presentations.

**Book Report** – Each student must complete a book report each semester. There is a list of books attached to this syllabus, along with the report format. You may choose a different book that is about a famous German or that deals with German culture or history. All books must be approved prior to the book report being turned in and **IT MUST BE THE FIRST TIME YOU HAVE READ THIS BOOK!!** Reports will be accepted throughout the semester, but the final due date is the Friday before semester exams.

**Extra Credit** – Extra Credit may be earned every nine weeks. You may either turn in an extra project or Spielgeld earned in class.

Tutoring is available before and after school, via email, or during Wednesday and Friday advisory periods.