SURVEY OF GERMAN

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Course Description:

This course, comprised of the German language, will involve listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills on familiar topics. Students will understand and respond to simple expressions. They will write using learned vocabulary and experience an introduction to the German language.

Additional information for this course can be found on the Alabama Department of education website. Alabama Course of Study World Languages

Course Objectives:

Students will be able to:

- Identify the general topic and some basic information in familiar contexts by recognizing practiced or memorized words, phrases, and simple sentences.
- Communicate in spontaneous written or spoken language on familiar, simple topics.
- Present information on very familiar topics about themselves.
- Identify products and practices to help understand perspectives.
- Interact at a survival level in some everyday contexts.

Classroom **Expectations:**

In all things, the student and teacher should:

- 1. Be Ready.
- 2. Be Respectful.
- 3. Be Responsible.

All school-wide policies stated in the Student Handbook will be followed in German class. Please read all sections carefully.

Consequences of not following class expectations:

- 1. Warning
- 2. Student conference/Parent contact
- 3. Detention
- 4. Referral to administration

Online Translation:

Using Google Translate or other translation services is viewed as copying someone else's work. Mrs. Bowman will give you the vocabulary you need to know. In addition, she will show you how to use online dictionaries like <u>dict.leo.org</u> to help you look up something specific.

Opening Class Procedure:

When you come in to class, be seated in your desk when the bell rings. Take out any homework and being working on your Starter. Starters are graded!

Participation:

Since speaking the language is essential in the development of world language skills, class participation is highly encouraged and will be graded.

^{*}Certain behavior may merit an immediate referral to administration.

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Fantastischer Freitag:

Students will have the opportunity to participate in weekly games (on Fridays) practicing their skills developing in Exploratory German. Participation is determined by class behavior that week, using a timer system.

Classroom Jobs:

The following jobs will be rotated throughout the 9 weeks. Please review the responsibilities so that you will be prepared when you are selected:

- 1. President: Assist Mrs. Bowman when needed, direct substitute teacher to classroom procedures and responsibilities.
- Bouncer: Answer the door and keep disruptions from unwelcome guests limited. For example, if a student walks by who does not belong in our classroom, kindly ask them to return to their class. Let other students back in the classroom if they have gone to the restroom.
- 3. Banker: Collect Euro banks at the end of class. Keep all banks facing the same way when you collect them, to ensure Euros do not fall out.
- 4. Paper Passer: Pass out worksheets, return graded papers, pick up completed assignments.
- 5. Attendance Taker: Take attendance and write any missing students on a sticky. Give to Mrs. Bowman at the beginning of class. Collect missing work for the student and put it in the designated binder with their name.
- 6. Board Eraser: Erase the board at the end of class.
- 7. Desk Inspector: Ensure all desks are free of notes, extra paper, cell phones, etc. before a quiz or test.
- 8. Phone Manager: Each time the phone rings, answer it and say "Room _____. (your name) speaking." Determine who the phone needs to go to and give Mrs. Bowman the message.
- 9. Welcoming Committee: When an administrator enters our classroom, greet them nicely and update them on what we are doing in class. Give them any applicable handouts.
- 10. Sub: Fill in for any student with a job who is absent. You must be familiar with all classroom jobs.
- 11. Date changer: Change the date and objectives on the board if Frau Bowman has not done so yet.

Tutoring

If you need extra help, I am available for before or after-school tutoring depending on the day. Please see me or email me to schedule a time.

Accommodations:

Requests for accommodations for this course or any school event are welcomed from students and parents.

Concerning laptop utilization:

- 1. Student laptops should not be hard wired to the network or have print capabilities.
- 2. Use of discs, flash drives, jump drives, or other USB devices will not be allowed on Madison City computers.
- 3. Neither the teacher, nor the school is responsible for broken, stolen, or lost laptops.
- 4. Laptops and other electronic devices will be used at the individual discretion of the teacher.

Grading Policy:

Test grades will account for 60% of the 9-weeks grade, with the remaining 40% being determined by quiz/daily grades. The grading scale is as follows: A (90-100), B (80-89), C (70-79), D (65-69), and F (below 65). Grades will reflect mastery of the standards. Make sure all absences are excused as class work can be made up and graded for excused absences only.

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Make-up	Test
Policy:	

Please make every effort to attend German class, as it is difficult to replicate the classroom world language experience. It is the student's and parent's responsibility to find/ask for missing work and schedule a time to make-up the test. The student will have one day for one excused absence, two days for two excused absences, (and so on) to make up their work/tests.

Textbook:

Exploring German, 3rd Edition, EMC Publishing, 2008

ISBN: 978-0-82194-041-9 No online textbook provided.

Materials and Supplies Needed:

3-Ring binder, divided into 4 sections: Starters, Vocabulary, Geography, Graded Papers

Notebook paper Pencil and pen Colored Pencils

Course Outline:

Topics covered will include:

- German-speaking countries
- Greetings
- Classroom Commands
- Alphabet & Numbers
- Giving ages
- Clothing
- Activities (likes/dislikes)
- Descriptions
- Places in the City
- Restaurants/Food
- Family

*The course outline is subject to change, based on the teacher's discretion, in the best effort to provide quality instruction to the student.

Communication & Social Media

Please sign up for Remind (Text **bkcae8** to 81010) to receive class text messages and reminders. I have a website (fraubowman.weebly.com). By providing your email below, you will receive class updates and information.

I do occasionally post pictures on my website or social media accounts. Please send me a personal note or e-mail if I should refrain from including your child in any pictures.

At this time, we are not using Google Classroom in German class. Should we start using Google Classroom, I will send out an email to let you know!

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Please sign, detach, and return to Mrs. Bowman

I have read Mrs. Bowman's Classroom Syllabus and Procedures and am familiar with the expectations in this class.

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Student Name:
Student Signature:
Parent Name:
Parent Signature:
Parent Email:
Date: