

German One Course Description

The objective of the German One class is to introduce the student to the German language by teaching him/her everyday vocabulary, basic dialogue situations, and rudimentary grammar skills. Even though the students will not be speakers of German upon entering the classroom, the target language of German will be spoken and heard often so as to train their ear in understanding the language. Students will be expected to participate as much as possible to enhance their learning experience. Cultural aspects covered in this level are: an overview of the German-speaking countries of the world, German holidays, major German cities and states, a brief synopsis of contemporary German history, and famous Germans.

The students will be using the textbook Komm Mit I and the accompanying workbook, Grammatikheft. Students will also receive various handouts dealing with grammatical concepts, vocabulary and culture. This class is fun! It's challenging to learn the pronunciation at first, but most everyone in the class is at about the same level....don't be shy, speak German! In addition to paperwork, there are lots of activities to promote the language and culture such as review games, video clips, movies and cultural experiences.

Hershey High School rules and regulations (found in the student/parent handbook) are to be followed in class along with these rules expressly for German students:

- a. Homework, if given, is to be completed by each student, although collaboration is enthusiastically permitted. Having the students speaking the language together is key to this class.
- b. Quizzes and tests will be given periodically to assess the student's knowledge and understanding of a particular concept/section/chapter, etc. Assessments are always announced. Collaboration on assessments is not permitted unless it is a group project.
- c. All work missed as a result of an absence needs to be made up by the student. Please see the teacher for handouts, activities, tests, etc that may have been missed during the absence from school. Assessments are to be made up in the library at the testing center.

Have a great year! If you need to contact me, my information is: Miriam Collins, mcollins@hershey.k12.pa.us or 717.531.2244 Ext 1106. I am in room 0106.