

We speak

We understand

Schweinfurt Middle School
Preparing Students to be Successful in the 21st Century
Modeling, Teaching, Practicing, and Evaluating...

Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Skills
Information & Communications Technology (ICT) Skill
Life Skills

Dear Parents and Students,

A new school year has begun and I am glad to welcome all students of my GERMAN I & II classes.

During the first two years of Foreign Language the students will learn how to, speaking, understanding, writing and reading the basics, with strong emphasis put on speaking and understanding.

Therefore students are expected to be willing to:

- *Use the spoken German in class as learned,*
- *do short role playing,*
- *read aloud in class,*
- *listen carefully & "actively" and pick out pieces of information from texts,*
- *keep & maintain a vocabulary list,*
- *take notes,*
- *sustain a pen pal partnership with a German partner.*

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In addition, students are expected to take interest in what is going on in German speaking countries using sources like newspapers/magazines, radio and television, or the internet (at first mainly in English): short reports in English on important events will be required.

Learning a foreign language requires consistent individual studying: Please, parents, give your children moral support!

Here are a few ideas on how you can help your children at home:

1. Ask your child to bring home their homework, and materials every day,
2. a "routine" study time every day (15 minutes max.) for memorizing and reviewing vocabulary and phrases will help with the students' security and self confidence using German actively,
3. if possible, check your child's vocabulary sheets, and question new vocabulary,
4. check the written homework for neatness and completeness.
5. talk to your child about what's happening in class.

PLEASE, NOTE: Students can receive High School Credit for level 1,2, or 3, provided they stay in class for the entire school year (i.e. not Conversational German).

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GERMAN, ...

THE GRADES IN GERMAN I / II:

Types of grades:

- Tests
- Quizzes
- Class participation *
- Assignments **

*) The class participation grade consists of the grades collected in the classroom during instruction, i.e.: oral part., reading, role playing, vocabulary, **active listening**, keeping vocabulary lists, note taking, assignments that are not collected, and the reports on events

) The students receive full credit for every assignment to be turned in provided the assignments were **turned in on time, done completely and neatly. Delay without excuse will lead to point deduction. For particularly well done assignments the students will receive extra points . The amount of credits will be added up to a grade at the end of a marking period.

PLEASE NOTE: The grades are made by computer and can be looked at at any time. Please, sign up to have access to your child's grades on Gradespeed.

Mr. Hieke's Classroom Rules

1. At entering the room: Go straight to your seats and remain there quietly.
2. Pay attention and follow directions promptly.
3. Be respectful to yourselves, your class mates and your teacher.
4. Do your best and turn in assignments on time.
5. Stay in your seats until your teacher dismisses you.

CONSEQUENCES: There will be one warning and then a consequence in accordance with the school wide discipline policy (see Student-Parent-Teacher -Handbook).

Looking forward to a school year of success and fun, I would like to encourage all parents to come and see me as soon as is possible. Close contact between parents and teachers cannot be valued highly enough.

If you would like to contact me, please call SMS: # 354-6813, or email me to: Heribert.hieke@eu.dodea.edu .

Hope we'll have a successful school year, _____
(H. Hieke, German/A.C.E.)

Please, cut off this section and send it back with your child. Thank you.

I have read this note and talked it over with my child _____.
(child's name)

(Parent's signature)

and we see the future