



Deutsch I

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

By the end of the course, a German 1 student would be expected to communicate at the novice-mid proficiency level according to the national ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) standards. Novice-mid language students can identify with phrases, combine words and express ideas with simple phrases and expressions. Classroom instruction is conducted in German ideally 90% of the time. Students begin to build reading, listening, speaking and writing skills. Students also gain insight into other cultures, as well as their own. Using interpretive, interpersonal and presentational modes of communication, assessments will measure what students can do with the language. Instruction and learning is not limited to the classroom, but includes the utilization of technology as well as interactions within the community.

80/20 GRADING POLICY

At Green High School, grades are calculated in all classes based on the 80/20 Policy. As a result, a student's grade is divided into two categories: Academic Achievement and Academic Practice. After a student has had sufficient instruction and practice on a topic, it is then reasonable to judge his/her mastery of the information or skills in the form of academic achievement assessments. The purpose is to evaluate how well a student has learned the material. 80% of the total course grade comes from academic achievement and will consist of tests (oral, written and performance), some quizzes, some homework, writings, projects or presentations. Whenever a student learns new material he or she goes through a time of wrestling with the material before eventually mastering the information or skills. It is expected that a student will make some mistakes during this learning process. Work completed during this learning period is considered academic practice. 20% of the total course grade comes from academic practice and will consist of some quizzes, homework, first drafts of writing, teacher questions during instruction, some worksheets, informal observations or pre-testing. *Parents and students are expected to check grade book regularly.*

CHEATING POLICY

The use of *online translators* is strictly prohibited in any German course. More often than not, online translators are sorely inaccurate and besides, are not an effective learning tool. Use of *online dictionaries* is allowed, we will discuss differences and benefits of *online dictionaries*. Plagiarism, copying, usage of phone on tests, and usage of online translation (easily spotted) will result in a "zero" for the assignment, contact of parent(s)/guardian(s), and a referral to the office under cheating.