

German I

Syllabus

2017-2018

Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome to the German I class! My name is Frau McPherson and I am happy to have you/your daughter/your son in my German class. Learning German is challenging, but with enough effort, hard work and diligence, students are able to meet the challenge with success. To master the objectives of the course, I will conduct the German class in German and over time and with effort, you will be able to function in the language.

The objectives for the School Semesters are as follows:

1. Learn greetings in German
2. Learn to describe people, places and objects.
3. Learn days of the week, numbers and months of the year
4. Learn regular verbs in the present tense
5. Be able to talk about the weather
6. Learn usage and conjugations of verbs like *haben*, *sein*, *gehen* and *machen* and many more.
7. At the end of the semester, students will be able to write small essays and stories; also, they will be able to read short poems and stories.
8. **Homework: every day study and master what we learned during that day!**

Textbook: *Portfolio Deutsch 1*

Teacher Website: <http://mcpersongerman.weebly.com/>

Students will be listening to and speaking in German so they can apply what they learn to the real world. Furthermore, they will enhance their cultural knowledge of different German speaking countries and be able to develop insight into the nature of language and culture. The student will be able to make connections in other disciplines, like Math, History, etc. through German. Comparing German language and culture with their own will help students gain insight on how languages and cultures work together. The greatest accomplishment for students will be the ability to use German beyond the school setting, for enjoyment and enrichment, and thus, become life-long learners.

Most importantly, students must come with a proactive attitude and an open mind. It is imperative that students be open to a multicultural experience when learning about other countries and customs. Thank you for your support.

The **grading** is set up as following (values of the total grade):

Classwork/Participation	35%	Homework	25%
9 WK Exam	10%	Test/Quiz	30%

All late work will receive a maximum of a 70%. For more information see the grading policy on my website.

Please read the classroom expectations. All students are expected to follow my classroom rules and the rules stated in the student handbook, as well as in the EPISD policies. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated.

Students are responsible for their actions, their work and for their makeup work when absent. Students will be allowed to use their own electronic devices in class **ONLY** upon my request.

Please sign and return the acknowledgement form with the requested information as it counts for a grade. If you wish to contact me, please send me an e-mail at mmcphers@episd.org.

Cordially,
Frau McPherson
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*"At Coronado High School we take academic integrity seriously.
Therefore, any student caught cheating will receive a zero."*