

Dear Students and Parents:

Willkommen zum Deutschunterricht am Coronado Gymnasium!

My name is Frau McPherson and I am looking forward to an exciting school year and am happy to have you/your daughter/your son in my German class.

Textbook: German II: *Portfolio Deutsch 2*
German III Pre-AP[®]/IB Prep: *Portfolio Deutsch 3*
German IV AP[®]/IB: *Kaleidoskop and other material determined in class*

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

Over the upcoming semesters students will engage in communication activities, make comparisons of their culture to German speaking countries and use geographical information to gain insight into community settings. In the advanced courses, a student will understand and use phrases and expressions about daily routines and topics, listen to video and audio presentations to extend their communication skills and extend knowledge in guided conversations, and will use various programs to provide multimedia integration and enhance community awareness through internet connections.

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 continue to conduct the German classes in German and over time and with effort, you will be able to function in the language fluently.

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

<u>German II</u>		<u>German III, IV, V (Pre-AP[®], AP[®], IB-Prep, IB)</u>	
Classwork/Participation	35%	Classwork/Participation	40%
Test/Quiz	30%	Test/Quiz	25%
Homework	25%	Homework	25%
9 WK Exam (district policy)	10%	9 WK Exam (district policy)	10%

All late work will receive a maximum of a 70%. For more information see the grading policy on my website. Homework consists of every day study and master what we learned during the day in class.

I expect students to take responsibility for their own learning, their actions, their work and for their makeup work when absent. Ask questions when things are unclear and/or make arrangements for tutoring. I expect students to use German with me and with one another while in class.

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 will be allowed to use their own electronic devices in class **ONLY** upon my request.

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.

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