

GERMAN 1,2, AND 3/4 HERR MORBERG

Classroom Expectations:

- ◇ Students will respect themselves and each other.
- ◇ Students will take responsibility for their actions and obligations.
- ◇ Students will be on time, attentive, and participate in class activities.
- ◇ Students will use appropriate language in class.

Students will be expected to follow these rules. Failure to follow them will result first in a warning and then in possible further disciplinary actions. It can also negatively affect your participation grade.

Grading Policy:

Students may take this class for a letter grade or a pass/no pass. Grading is pretty standard, with 90% + being an A, and less than 60% being, well, let's not talk about that.

Grades have three parts and will be broken down thusly:

- ◇ Assignments=33% (This includes both written and turned in assignments and oral in class assignments.)
- ◇ Tests and Quizzes=33% (This includes written, listening, and speaking tests.)
- ◇ Participation=34%

Participation includes bringing materials to class, being focused on topic or activity at hand, being prepared for class by having done the assignment and knowing material, dealing with students in a respectful manner, and joining in on class activities. In class activities and group work can also be a part of an oral assignment, so can count twice. Volunteering is a great way to help your participation grade.

I do not break the semester grade down by quarters. Students earn the one grade they have earned over the whole semester, not the average of quarter grades. Progress report grades are just a reflection of your overall grade so far.

Students wishing to continue on to the next level of German, be it from semester one to two or year one to two, must pass the previous

semester with a C or better.

Make-Up Work:

Late work will be accepted for now, but only during the quarter during which it was assigned. The same goes for any make-up tests or quizzes, so in that respect, the quarter grading period end is an important date to remember.

Assignments or tests that were missed due to an unexcused absence cannot be made up. Students are responsible for making up any missed work.

If off task behavior becomes a problem, or if missing assignments begin to have serious impact on class averages, I reserve the right to revoke the late assignment policy and make all assignments due the day they are given.

Attendance and Tardies:

Attendance and tardies are included in the participation part of the grade. Each student will receive 60 attendance points at the beginning of the semester. Each student will be allowed two free unexcused tardies. After that, each unexcused tardy costs 2 attendance points.

In addition, after every 5 unexcused tardies (not counting the initial 2 freebies) an attendance referral will be sent down to the office and a detention assigned.

Every unexcused absence costs 8 attendance points.

Attendance points represent 33.3% of the participation grade.

Attendance points lost because of tardies can be made up through paying 5 Morberg Marks per tardy, or doing an extra detention. Points lost by an unexcused absence cannot be made up.

Classroom Format:

It is important to come to class prepared, as this class will be based on whole class and group activities that require active participation from class members. There will be lots of verbal work in class, so be prepared to speak.

Cell Phones:

Cell phones are not allowed in this class. We will conform to the

school wide cell phone policy with all consequences spelled out there in.

Movies:

We will be watching several movies translated into German throughout the year. Some of these are PG or PG-13, such as Spiderman, X-Men, and Harry Potter. If there are any objections to watching these kind of movies, please communicate them with me.

CRLS and CRLIS:

Students will have the opportunity to earn these credits throughout the year. Students will be required to request such credits and complete some extra out of class work to be rewarded these credits. They may be earned in the following areas:

- ◇ Personal Management
- ◇ Problem Solving
- ◇ Communication
- ◇ Teamwork
- ◇ Employment Foundations
- ◇ Career Development