

Exploring German

Exploring German is a nine-week elective that offers the student an exciting introduction to the German language and culture.

The objectives of Exploring German are:

1. To introduce the student to current examples of everyday speech in a realistic way.
2. To allow the student to practice these examples through a variety of interesting, functional exercises.
3. To introduce the student to everyday life and to provide a taste of art, music and literature of German-speaking countries, which form part of the greater cultural heritage, shared by all the peoples of the world.
4. To help the student to understand and appreciate his/her own language by relating it to German.

Unit Objectives

1. Greetings and Courtesy – students will be able to ask and give personal information, and interact courteously with others.
2. Classroom Objects – students will be able to identify classroom objects.
3. Classroom Commands – students will be able to follow classroom commands, and direct others by using classroom directions.
4. Numbers – students will be able to count, perform basic mathematical functions, relate numbers to geometric figures, and comprehend numbers in a business setting.
5. Geography – students will be able to realize where he/she is in relation to the target language countries and continents, locate

- cities and geographical features on a map, and recognize the influence of geography on economy.
6. House – students will be able to describe the house in terms of its rooms and identify different types of lodging.
 7. Family – students will be able to identify family members and their relationships to one another and his/her relationship to them.
 8. Time and Colors – students will be able to tell time, understand official (railroad, military) time, identify colors, and describe objects in terms of color.
 9. Days and Months – students will be able to identify days of the week and months of the year, and relate months to seasons.

Class Expectations

Students are to come to class prepared.

Students will be on time for class.

Students are to listen attentively in class.

Students are to participate in class exercises and practice pronunciation of the German language.

Students are to complete assignments on time and with effort.

Students may not use electronic devices without teacher permission.

Students are to respect others.

Consequences for not meeting class expectations may include:

Teacher conference

After school or lunch detention

Parental Contact

Office referral

Grading Policy

Grading System

A - 94- 100

B - 86- 93

C - 78-85

D - 70 - 77

F - 69 - 0 Incomplete - recorded as a 0 - until work is completed

Two Types of student assessments will be used in this course.

Formative Assessments - will help students to practice the lesson, and develop an understanding of the class curriculum. Assessments will include:

Daily assignments
Small learning projects

Summative Assessments - will give the student an opportunity to demonstrate their learning for a grade. Summative assessments will include:

Quizzes
Specific learning projects and presentations
Tests
District Assessments/State Standards

Grade Values:

Summative tests/projects - 60%
Summative quizzes and projects - 30%
Formative Daily Work -10%

Retake Policy:

Students will be able to retake a failing assignment. A retake must be scheduled and taken within 5 school days of the initial assignment. Prior to the retake a student must review the material covered. Your final grade will be averaged between the original and retake unless specified. Special considerations due to unforeseen circumstances should be discussed directly with the teacher.

